

Associate in Arts (602)

Bachelor's degree programs in English generally emphasize the study of literature and literary criticism. Some universities also offer specializations in creative or technical writing and/or programs to prepare students for certification as a high school English teacher. Community college students seeking a bachelor's degree in English are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree prior to transfer. Since admission is competitive, completion of the recommended courses does not guarantee admission.

Students who have already chosen the university to which they plan to transfer should consult that institution's catalog or department advisor and an SVCC academic advisor in planning their program.

Students planning on careers as high school English teachers need to meet with an advisor.

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English - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

Suggested Program

First Semester - Sem/Hrs: 15

- Math 3 Semester hour(s)
- **Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 1 Semester hour(s)

- ENG 101 - Composition I 3 Semester hour(s)
- *** ENG 225 - American Literature to 1860 3 Semester hour(s)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience 1 Semester hour(s)

Second Semester - Sem/Hrs: 17

- Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 1 Semester hour(s)

- ENG 103 - Composition II 3 Semester hour(s)
- *** ENG 226 - American Literature from 1860 3 Semester hour(s)

Third Semester - Sem/Hrs: 17-18

- *Life Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 1 Semester hour(s)

- COM 131 - Introduction to Oral Communication 3 Semester hour(s)
- *** ENG 227 - British Literature I 3 Semester hour(s)

Fourth Semester - Sem/Hrs: 16-17

- Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- *Physical Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- ENG Elective 3 Semester hour(s)-options include: ENG 201, 203, 212, or 230
- *** ENG 228 - British Literature II 3 Semester hour(s)

Total Credits: 65

Footnotes

*One lab science required.

**Competency in a single foreign language through the third or fourth college semester is often required.

***British Literature and American Literature are offered in rotation every other year and will need faculty approval for first semester.

» Important to Note:

1. As disciplines within the English major are writing intensive, students pursuing the major may want to consider taking literature courses which have a significant writing requirement (9 to 12 pages in total of writing). This will assist students with requirements as they work towards their bachelor's degrees at universities.

2. The English panel recommends that English majors satisfy the Humanities and Fine Arts section of GECC with additional courses other than the English major recommendations that count as major credit rather than GECC credit.

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