

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 may be competitive, completion of the recommended courses does not guarantee admission.

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 suggests that English majors satisfy the Humanities and Fine Arts section of GECC with additional courses beyond the English major recommendations that count as major credit rather than GECC credit.
3. To satisfy the GECC section, students may choose to take other literature courses or any other General Education, Humanities, and Fine Arts course.

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.

English - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

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Total Hours Required - 66 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 15 Hours

- Math 3 Semester hour(s)
- **Foreign Language 4 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 1 Semester hour(s)
- ENG 101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
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ENG 225 - American Literature to 1860 (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 17 Hours

- 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 Hours)
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- ENG 226 - American Literature From 1860 (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 17-18 Hours

- *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 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
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- ENG 227 - British Literature I (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 16-17 Hours

- 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, 206, 212, or 230
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- ENG 228 - British Literature II (3 Semester Hours)

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.