

Academic Programs

Associate in Arts Degree with a Concentration in English (602)

The English concentration will prepare students to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in English.

English - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

Transfer Considerations

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. Transfer guides for some universities are available at svcc.edu/transfer.

1. 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. Students should consult their academic advisor on the differences between degrees.
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. To satisfy the GECC section, students may choose to take other literature courses or any other General Education, Humanities, and Fine Arts course.
3. Students are encouraged to complete the American Literature and British Literature sequence, as these are prerequisites to most major courses at four-year institutions.

Competitive Admissions

Since admission is competitive, completing the recommended courses does not by itself guarantee admission.

Special Considerations

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

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Minimum Total Credit Hours - 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)
- ENG101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)

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- ENG225 - American Literature to 1860 (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE101 - 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)
 - ENG103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
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- ENG226 - 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)
 - COM131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
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- ENG227 - 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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- ENG228 - 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.