ENGLISH AND WRITING MINORS

DECLARING A MINOR IN ENGLISH OR IN WRITING

There are no admission requirements and no prerequisites for minors at the UW. Any undergraduate student with at least sophomore standing (45 credits completed) who is officially declared in any major may declare a minor with his or her major adviser’s permission. If you have not yet declared a major (i.e., if you are still in "premajor" status), you are not yet eligible to declare a UW minor. (This does not mean that you cannot begin to take classes now that will eventually apply toward the minor, however.)

To declare a minor, meet with an adviser in the Humanities Academic Services Center (HAS). Only an adviser there may sign the form to declare a minor; this is to ensure that students meet satisfactory progress requirements. Please take the Change of Major/Minor form to the HAS. There are no deadlines for declaring minors, except that you cannot declare a minor after the deadline for applying to graduate. In other words, you cannot declare a minor after the third week of the quarter in which you intend to graduate. For more information, see the UW’s policies on minors.

English majors are not eligible to declare an English Minor or a Writing Minor per UW policy.

ENGLISH MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The English minor requires a minimum of 30 credits in English courses taken at the 200, 300, or 400 level:

- any 200-, 300-, or 400-level English course may count, with the exceptions of ENGL 295 and 491, which may not be applied to the minor;
- at least 20 credits applied to the minor must be taken at the 300 or 400 level;
- at least 20 credits applied to the minor must be taken in residence at the UW Seattle;
- an average GPA of 2.00 must be maintained among all ENGL courses being applied to the English minor.
- No more than five credits may be counted from Creative Writing courses.

Notes:

20 credits must be taken in residence at the UW.

No 100-level courses may apply toward the English minor.

Some courses may be restricted during Registration Period 1 to majors only; we’re not generally able to override these restrictions, so those pursuing the minor must in most cases wait until Period 2 registration to enroll. See the Time Schedule notes for individual course restrictions. Those few courses that are restricted to majors only will have a note that reads, "English majors only PER 1." By UW policy, English majors may not add a minor in English.

WRITING MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The Writing Minor is designed to provide students with concentrated study of and practice in writing, language, and rhetoric. The minor is most appropriate for students entering writing-intensive careers such as journalism, business, marketing, law, publishing, editing, education, and public relations or for students interested in enhancing their writing, analytic, and communication skills.

*NOTE: ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE TO COUNT ONE CREATIVE WRITING COURSE TOWARD THE MINOR, THIS IS NOT A CREATIVE WRITING MINOR.

REQUIREMENTS:
- 25 total credit hours of which:
  - 15 credits (of the total 25) must be at the 300-level or above
  - 15 credits must come from approved list of courses in academic, professional, and creative writing
  - 10 credits must come from approved list of courses in theory, history, and design
  - No more than five credits may be counted from Creative Writing or from courses outside the English department. ENGL 295 and 491 may not be applied to the minor.

**CURRICULUM:**

**Academic, Professional, and Creative Writing (15 credits)**

*other writing courses considered by petition*

- ENGL 281 Intermediate Expository Writing
- ENGL 282 Intermediate Multimodal Composition
- *ENGL 283 Beginning Verse Writing
- *ENGL 284 Beginning Short Story Writing
- *ENGL 285 Writers on Writing
- ENGL 288 Introduction to Professional and Technical Writing
- ENGL 296 Critical Literacy in the Natural Sciences
- ENGL 297 Intermediate Interdisciplinary Writing - Humanities
- ENGL 298 Intermediate Interdisciplinary Writing - Social Sciences
- ENGL 299 Intermediate Interdisciplinary Writing - Natural Sciences
- ENGL 381 Advanced Expository Writing
- ENGL 382 Special Topics in Multimodal Composition
- ENGL 388 Professional and Technical Writing
- ENGL 481 Special Studies in Expository Writing
- *COM 359 Writing for Mass Media
- *COM 362 Community Journalism (News Lab)
- *COM 459 Narrative Journalism
- *COM 460 Special Reporting Topics
- *COM 464 Writing with Voice

**Theory, History, and Design (10 credits)**

- ENGL 206 Rhetoric in Everyday Life
- ENGL 270 Language and Society
- ENGL 306 Introduction to Rhetoric
- ENGL 369 Research Methods in Language and Rhetoric
- ENGL 370 English Language Study
- ENGL 372 World Englishes
- ENGL 373 History of the English Language
- ENGL 374 The Language of Literature
- ENGL 375 Rhetorical Genre Theory and Practice
- ENGL 471 Theory and Practice of Teaching Writing
- ENGL 472 Language Learning
- ENGL 473 Current Developments in English Studies
- ENGL 478 Language and Social Policy
- ENGL 479 Language Variation and Language Policy in North America

* A maximum of five credits may be applied from Creative Writing or from classes outside the English department.

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**COURSES AND ADVISING**

Please visit the Humanities Academic Services Center to discuss a minor and your options for courses, as well as English-related internships, potential careers or other post-graduation plans, or areas of focus within your minor, such as language & rhetoric, expository or creative writing, genre studies, historical literary periods, literary theory & criticism, cultural studies, multicultural literature, literary modernism/postmodernism, gender studies, etc.
You can find detailed course descriptions for each quarter posted to our quarterly course offerings. These will provide you with information about teaching faculty, themes, texts, etc.

You may also want to look at what qualities the Writing Minor is designed to help you practice and the goals that the writing minor has in mind for students.

**STAYING CONNECTED**

We hope you’ll consider yourself part of the UW’s English Department community. Please feel free to subscribe yourself to the English e-mail list, "like" us on Facebook, and seek assistance from our department at any time.

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