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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The English Department offers a variety of interrelated areas of study in a broad range of liberal arts and professional programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The mission of the Department is to help students as readers, writers, and thinkers at all levels of study to appreciate the nuances of and connections among texts (literary, rhetorical, visual, etc.), and to use written and oral language to participate effectively in a wide range of academic, aesthetic, and professional contexts. The Department's programs prepare students for productive lives as critical thinkers, informed citizens, and ethical leaders.

The English Department pursues the ideal of a socially conscious education. It aims to scrutinize preconceptions about race, gender, ethnicity, class, age, and sexual orientation. It values critical literacy and communication as resources for democracy, resources that invest citizens with the cognitive skills needed to analyze and critique those forms of language which work for and against the ideals of community, cooperation, justice, and equality.

We strive to achieve these goals via high quality teaching that reflects innovations of thought and scholarship, that uses current technologies to facilitate learning, and that responds to the cultural diversity of the student body. By maintaining state, regional, and national accreditation, we ensure that our majors are prepared to enter their chosen professions or pursue further study in their chosen fields.

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WELCOME FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Fall 2017



Dear English Major:

Welcome to West Chester University's Department of English. Our faculty and staff look forward to making your undergraduate years as enjoyable, self-fulfilling, and productive as possible. As the University's largest Department, we offer a variety of programs to enrich your academic experience here and to prepare you for your careers after graduation.

This manual is designed to give you information about major requirements, as well as information on all of the special experiences the English Department makes available to you. Our majors are supplemented by minors in African/African American Literature, Business and Technical Writing, Creative Writing, Film Criticism, Journalism, Linguistics, and Literature. We encourage all of our majors in the Bachelor of Arts program to do an internship, which provides valuable experience in fields such as publishing, journalism, business, public relations, and other professions.

If you have further questions about our programs, please contact your Departmental advisor, who can probably answer most of your questions—or who will know where the answers can be found. In your first semester with us, you will be assigned an advisor who will provide you with academic guidance throughout your undergraduate program. You must meet with your advisor at least once per semester in order to schedule courses for the following semester. Meeting with your advisor will also insure that you are following all Department and University requirements. But advisors are not only repositories of “official” information; they are resources for information about University life in general. ***Advising is ultimately a shared responsibility between advisor and advisee, so it is important that you be proactive about understanding and meeting your degree requirements.***

Please also make sure you consult our online **English Majors' Forum**, a Desire 2 Learn (D2L) site. (We enroll all of our majors in this Forum, and if, for any reason, you are not enrolled, please contact our department secretary at 610-436-2822.) Use the Forum to learn about campus events, to refresh your knowledge of Department policies and opportunities, to take part in discussions about program and other issues, and to keep in touch with other English majors. If you need a reminder on University policies, please consult your Ram's Eye View or WCU undergraduate catalog (either online or in hard copy). Lastly, should you need more assistance, don't hesitate to email us at ENGLISH-DEPT@wcupa.edu or call the office..

Welcome! I look forward to working with you and our faculty to help you succeed in your academic career as an English major.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rodney Mader
Chair, Department of English

PURPOSES OF THIS MANUAL



This manual is intended to help students in the English Department understand their programs, to know about the available options in courses and activities, to be able to plan their progression through their degree programs, and to help them think about possible careers. It is *not* intended to be a substitute for advising.

You need to know that requirements do change, as a result of state actions and those of accrediting bodies, and we are not able to reprint this manual every time a change is made. From time to time, there may be changes to degree requirements that are clarified for us after the printing of a particular year's Handbook. We will always keep you informed of such changes via our department's English major mailing list and the English Majors' Forum (housed on D2L). The authoritative degree requirements will be those in the University catalog. You can always consult the most current version of the catalog online from WCU's homepage. Your advisor is also a great source for updated information. Find information and ask questions; it is your responsibility to stay informed. The online undergraduate catalog has two relevant sections on requirements:

- Academic Policies: <http://www.wcupa.edu/information/official.documents/undergrad.catalog/acpolpro.htm>
- Degree Requirements: <http://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/index-course-prefix-guide/program-index/>

All new students must choose their distributive general education classes from an approved list. You will find lists by category, with course descriptions, in the current WCU undergraduate catalog:

<http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>

The Department of English offers two degree programs: the B.A. in English and the B.S.Ed. in English. All WCU degrees require completion of a minimum of 120 credits. Effective Fall 2009, the program was revised in response to Chapter 49 mandates from the PA Department of Education; as a result, the B.S.Ed. in English requires 123 credits for completion.

All of our coursework benefits students interested in exploring literature and language and in pursuing careers in teaching; in law; in journalism; in public relations and advertising; in creative, technical, and business writing; and in other professions, including management and marketing, which rely on communication skills.

Degree Progress Report (DPR) on MyWCU and University email:

While the DPR does a good job tracking your completion of general education requirements, it cannot track everything in your major degree program. Thus, **the information about your major in this manual overrides the DPR.** Double-check what the DPR is showing against your advising sheets. If a question arises about a conflict between the DPR and your program as mapped onto our advising sheets, the advising sheets will be considered correct. Please make your advisor aware of any discrepancies.

The English Department and the University communicate with students via WCU student email accounts. Please check yours regularly!

The DPR is **NOT** a substitute for
your advising sheets!

DEPARTMENTAL ADVISING



Academic advising is a dynamic developmental process, not simply a way of making it through WCU's various program procedures. You should think of your advisor as someone who is knowledgeable about our programs, who can direct you to campus resources, and who has experience with the world outside the university; your advisor can help you make important decisions here that will affect your future.

The **WCU advising website**,

<https://www.wcupa.edu/academics/advising/default.aspx> provides you with general information on what is expected in an advising relationship, tools for better communication with your advisor, FAQs about our general education program and academic policies, and resources for help and special opportunities.

KNOW YOUR DEGREE.

Ultimately, it is **your** responsibility to know, understand, and fulfill all degree requirements.

All students at WCU are assigned an academic advisor to help guide them through their undergraduate careers. As an English major, you'll meet with your advisor at least once a semester to evaluate your academic status, plan your schedule for the following term, have your enrollment hold lifted, and discuss any other issues relevant to your academic career. Working closely with your academic advisor will help ensure that you are making progress towards your degree and that your course selections are in line with your educational and professional goals.

However, while your advisor will offer direction, make recommendations, and answer any questions you may have about the program, **ultimately you are responsible** for:

- understanding and keeping abreast of the program requirements you must complete;
- keeping an updated Advising sheet, and bring it to all advising appointments.. This will ensure that you are meeting the **mandated requirements**, including the completion of **120 credits**, for graduation;
- checking *MyWCU* to find your enrollment appointment (that is, your registration date) for scheduling your next semester's courses;
- signing up to meet with your advisor in advance of your enrollment appointment so that you will be able to register for classes when your date and time to schedule occurs;
- conferring with your advisor regularly, especially when any question arises.

Please consult *MyWCU* to identify your English Department advisor. Our Program Coordinator, Mary Clark, Main 506, 610.436.1007, mclark@wcupa.edu, is also available to answer questions.

Why meet with your advisor?

- To ensure timely progress towards your degree.
- To become better acquainted with the program and with a faculty member.
- To lift the electronic advising block so that you can schedule your classes.
- To discuss which courses you should take and the order in which you should take them.
- To answer your questions about specific program requirements, such as the Test of Writing Competency or Writing Portfolio for B.S.Ed. students.
- To learn about the rich array of careers available to majors, graduate school, and other opportunities after graduation.
- To discuss your progress and performance, including any difficulties you may be having in your academic program.
- To learn about resources on campus that can help you with academic or personal problems.

- To obtain information about minors or other academic and extracurricular opportunities.
- To learn about completing assessment instruments for your program.
- To discuss readiness for graduation.

Advisors are typically **not available** on weekends, holidays, or over summer break. Please plan accordingly.

In addition to pre-scheduling sessions, your advisor will be available to meet with you throughout the semester to discuss any number of issues, including adding, dropping, or withdrawing from a course; career objectives; preparation for graduate study; and internships and employment opportunities. We encourage students early in their degree progress to become familiar with the counselors and resources available at the Twardowski Career Development Center, at Lawrence 225: <https://www.wcupa.edu/services/stu.car/>.

Students who believe they need additional career advisement can also consult advisors of department disciplines—specialists in education, literature, journalism, business communications, technical writing, and creative writing—to discuss graduate school options and professional opportunities. Throughout the academic year the department offers workshops on career possibilities, preparation, and graduate school.

Secondary Education advising

While your Departmental advisor is your primary advisor, B.S.Ed. students will also be assigned a Professional/Secondary Education advisor, once you attain FATE. This advisor will help you with the sequence and content of education courses, test requirements, and field experience information. You can find your advisor's name in MyWCU.

Procedure for scheduling

1. Pay any University bills because you cannot schedule if you have unpaid bills, parking tickets, health center charges, late library books, etc.
2. Sign up for an office meeting with your assigned advisor via the advisor's preferred method (appointment schedule on office door, online scheduling, or email). You should arrange to meet with your advisor at least 10 days before your registration date, called "appointment date" on MyWCU. Dates are assigned based, in part, on the number of credits you have earned; you can find your advisor name and enrollment appointment date easily by simply logging into your MyWCU account.
3. You should come to your advising appointment with a list of courses, based on the offerings for that semester, that you would like to take and any questions you may have about offerings, your progress in the program, or career directions.
4. Your assigned advisor must clear you electronically before you can schedule on MyWCU. Please do not phone or e-mail requesting that your advising flag be lifted when you have not completed the required advising session.
5. Your advisor will not lift your advising flag to allow you to schedule without a meeting to discuss your plans.
6. **To avoid having your schedule purged by the Registrar, pay your bill promptly.** If your schedule is purged, you may not be able to reconstruct it. In most cases, the Department will not be able to add you back into classes if you have lost your seat due to being purged, and they have subsequently filled.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH



The undergraduate program in English at WCU is designed to help students become sophisticated readers, writers, thinkers, and speakers capable of interpreting and creating texts in all of their complex forms. Our majors learn to engage in nuanced critical thinking; conduct meaningful research; craft persuasive arguments; and express their ideas with style, clarity, and confidence. We invite you to use the links on the English Department website to learn more about undergraduate studies in English.

The English Department offers two undergraduate degrees:

The Bachelor of Arts in English (B.A.)

This degree focuses on the study of language; reading, analysis, and critical interpretation; intensive instruction in writing; English, American, and World literatures; and literary, rhetorical, and critical theory. The B.A. also requires students to study a foreign language through the 202 level.

The Bachelor of Science in English Education (B.S.Ed.)

This degree, accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), prepares students to become certified middle- and high-school English teachers. Students must complete content-related and pedagogical courses and satisfy degree requirements from the English Department and the Department of Professional and Secondary Education, as well as certification requirements from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Tracks

Within each of the above two degree programs, students choose one of the following two tracks, depending on their interests:

Literatures Track

This track provides focused, in-depth study of literary and cultural texts across a diverse range of genres, historical periods, and cultural traditions; it also offers intensive instruction in critical writing. This track of the English major focuses on the study of literature in its many complex genres (poetry, fiction, drama, film, graphic novels, digital literature, and more), historical periods (from the ancient world to the twenty-first century), and cultural traditions (U.S., British, Multi-Ethnic, World, and Comparative). Our students read and interpret literature for the urgent questions it raises about identity, ethics, justice, race, gender, nationality, sexuality, and humanity, even as they develop concrete career skills in writing, research, critical analysis, information literacy, and oral communication.

Writings Track

The Writings Track emphasizes both the theory and practice of writing, and provides in-depth knowledge in all kinds of writing: nonfiction argument, technical writing, and the writing of poetry and fiction. Students will discover how our language conditions everything in our culture, from advertising and politics to electronic communication and creative writing. Students will also become better writers; better teachers of writing; more informed readers of the discourses that surround us; and more creative users of the written language, whatever genre or field they approach.

A Common Core for All Majors

While each track has its own specific courses and requirements, the English major as a whole ensures cohesion by requiring all students to complete a common Core sequence, take at least two "crossover" courses in their non-primary track, and choose from a shared pool of ENG 400 research seminars. Both tracks prepare students for a number of careers.

In addition to the 48 General Education credits, students must fulfill the major requirements of the English Department. A map of a typical program sequence can be found in the Undergraduate Catalog, see <http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/english/#programstext> and click on your degree program for your Sample Course Plan.

Requirements for the B.S.Ed. degree are especially constrained, so students in this program need to pay special attention to their program sequence. The B.A degree requires a minimum of 120 credits; the B.S.Ed. degree requires 123 credits. You cannot graduate without this number of credits.

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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS



The English department collects data to see how well our programs are delivering what we want them to teach. **All English majors MUST participate** in the multiple-choice disciplinary literacy instrument and the Majors' Exit Survey, but B.A. and B.S.Ed. students have **different** portfolio assignments.

What You Need to Know

As part of its ongoing commitment to a high quality undergraduate English major, the WCU English Department has developed three means of obtaining feedback about the program and how it helps students: 1) a multiple-choice disciplinary literacy instrument, 2) an exit survey and 3) a student portfolio of student writing.

1) The Disciplinary Literacy Instrument:

All graduating English majors will complete the Disciplinary Literacy Instrument. This instrument is used to assess the department's performance in achieving its undergraduate program goals. It is available on the English Majors' Forum site on D2L. You should complete the assessment instrument at the end of your final semester at WCU; please allow 25 to 30 minutes to complete.

2) The English Majors' Exit Survey:

All graduating English majors are requested to fill out an exit survey at the end of their program. The survey asks you about the quality of your education and your satisfaction with the program. The survey is an opportunity for you to contribute to the quality of the program and shape the program for other students. The Exit Survey will be available on D2L in the 9th week of the Fall and Spring semesters; **all** graduating students must complete this survey!

3) The B.A. in English Portfolio:

Undergraduate English majors pursuing the B.A. in English, both tracks, are required to submit a portfolio of writing done for English classes at WCU (Transfer students should submit only work undertaken for WCU English courses). You submit your portfolio via the Dropbox found in the English Majors' Forum site on D2L.

Your portfolio will contain two essays/writing projects that you consider examples of your best work completed at WCU.

Be sure to review the requirements for the B.A. English portfolio now to ensure that you will have copies when it comes time for you to assemble and submit your portfolio. You should submit original, ungraded copies of your work. (Do not rely on faculty to hold on to assignments for you.)

The portfolio must include the following:

- a. a writing project submitted for an ENG 400 seminar,
- b. another significant researched writing project composed for an English course (1,800-3,000 words; can be another ENG 400 paper),
- c. a reflective introductory essay (2-3 pages),
- d. a coversheet (see page 16 and available on D2L English Majors' Forum).

You should select projects that successfully demonstrate your ability to write analytically, critically, and knowledgeably about a chosen topic. Your work should showcase your skill and style in writing

and reflect the attributes you value from your work at WCU. You can choose to revise the pieces before you submit your portfolio.

You should write an introductory essay or letter (2-3 pages) that addresses each item in the portfolio and explains the context as needed (course, assignment's expectations, instructions). Your introductory essay should discuss how the items represent your growth in the major. In addition, please reflect on your skill in finding, assessing, and incorporating outside sources and critical voices in your work. You are also encouraged to reflect more generally on your educational experience in the B.A. in English program at WCU.

Finally, each portfolio will include a **coversheet** that identifies each item presented (available on page 16 and on D2L).

How will the portfolio scores be used?

The portfolio is one of the three assessment tools the English Department uses to gauge the effectiveness of our B.A. program in English. Though you submit the portfolio under your name, scores will be recorded anonymously, and those scores will be examined **ONLY** by assessment personnel in aggregate with the scores of other portfolios and **ONLY** for this single purpose of program assessment. You can be confident that the information in the portfolio will be kept confidential.

The score on the portfolio will not affect any grades. Unlike the portfolio required by the B.S. Ed. program, the B.A. in English portfolio will not function as a test of your abilities that you must pass in order to complete the program. Although submission is required, the portfolio is for program assessment purposes only.

Submission of the B.A .Portfolio

- **Online:** Log into the *English Majors Forum* in D2L. Click on *Dropbox* on the top menu bar. Follow instructions for submission.

Graduating B.A.
students should submit
their portfolios to the
D2L Dropbox on the
English Majors' Forum
by the end of finals
week in their last
semester.

4) The B.S.Ed. Portfolio:

The Writing Portfolio for the B.S.Ed. English program is also a collection of writing done for English classes here at WCU. The B.S.Ed. Portfolio is graded Pass/Fail. Teacher Certification students must pass the Writing Portfolio as a requirement for Formal Admission to Education (FATE). Detailed information can be found on page 24.

B.A. ENGLISH PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



Foreign Language Requirement for B.A. English majors:

Candidates for the B.A. in English will take 0-12 credit hours, depending on their language proficiency when they enter the program. The benefits of this requirement are many, but among the most important is what learning a foreign language teaches students about English as a language and about the intricate relationship between language and culture.

B.A. students must complete a foreign language through the intermediate level (typically numbered "202"). Students with extensive prior foreign language experience should not register for a 100-level language course; those placing out of lower-level classes may replace those credits with electives. **The English Department does not offer the culture cluster option**; however, if a student has a documented disability, he/she may be work with the OSSD office to secure an approved alternative to the Foreign Language requirement.

Students planning to take a Language placement test to either test out of a language requirement, or to determine the particular level at which they should begin their language study, should contact Marlies Persch, the director of the Language Learning Center in Mitchell Hall room 006A. Please see the Language and Cultures Department home page for details: <http://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/languagesCultures/placement.asp>.

Follow all information on that page for sign-in information, password, language choice, and email instructions. French, German, Spanish and Russian are taught, as well as Arabic, Chinese, Classical Greek and Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, and Portuguese. American Sign Language also satisfies the language requirement: . <http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/kinesiology/deaf-studies-minor/>

Please note that **you do not earn credit through the placement test!**

For additional information, please see the Languages and Cultures Requirements website at: <http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/language-and-culture/>

Students whose placement scores indicate that they need to take FOUR language classes to obtain the 202 level will need to use ONE of their Gen Ed electives in order to do this.

Minor/Concentration/Department electives for B.A. English majors:

This 18-credit section means that there are three ways to complete this section of your program. The DPR cannot track all variations of this section of your program, so you must use your advising sheets.

1. Formal minor. A formal minor is an approved program of study in English or other department that will show up on your transcript – for example, Business & Technical Writing in English, or Art History, or Physics, or Interdisciplinary minors such as International Business or Women’s and Gender Studies. Each comprises 18 credits, so you can use this section of your program to get a formal minor. See the full list of WCU minor programs in the Undergraduate catalog.

The English Department offers seven minors: see page 36 and the English Department Home page: <http://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/English/undergradStudies.aspx#englishMinors>

2. Concentration. If you want to study in an area for which WCU may not have a formal minor – for example, Sustainability or Caribbean Studies, you can design a structured, 18-credit concentration in collaboration with your advisor. This concentration must have a **clear intellectual foundation**, and your advisor should list your plans, including course numbers, in an advising note on MyWCU. You may not use the concentration section as a location for random electives and classes that don’t fit anywhere else: the concentration must cohere. If there is a formal minor already established in your proposed concentration area, you must select the formal minor. You must declare your concentration while you still have classes to take to complete it (no concentrations created at graduation time, no concentrations made of all transfer classes).

3. English Department electives. Don’t want a formal minor or to design a concentration? Fill this section with 18 credits of any English department **majors’** classes (Gen ed. classes CLS 165, LIT 100, LIT 165, or WRTs fulfill no English major or minor requirement.)

IMPORTANT TO NOTE!

Only **three** courses used to fulfill requirements in this 18- credit minor section **can be used to fulfill a track major requirement.** You will need to replace those three courses with other English courses.

Note: The DPR does **not** catch this!

For more details, please see the English Department Home page:

<http://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/English/default.aspx>.

B.A. in English: Literatures Advising Sheet

Name: _____

ID#: _____

General Education Requirements

Academic Foundations

WRT 120 _____

WRT 200 – 220 _____

MAT 103+ _____

SPK 208 or 230 _____

Diverse Communities (J) _____

Interdisciplinary (I) _____

Distributive Sciences Courses (see approved list)

Science #1 _____

Science #2 _____

Distributive Behavioral/Social Sciences (see approved list)

Soc. Sci #1 _____

Soc. Sci #2 _____

Distributive Humanities & Arts (see approved list)

Humanities #1 HIS _____

Humanities #2 PHI _____

Arts _____

Gen Ed Electives* (Use one if you need a 101 level language)

English Major Courses – Literatures Track B.A.

Language Courses

ENG/LIN 230 Intro. to Linguistics _____

Language 102 _____

Language 201 _____

Language 202 _____

English Core Courses

ENG 194 _____

ENG 295 (best after ENG194) _____

ENG 296 or ENG 206 (best after 194) _____

Intermediate Level Literatures Track Courses (two must be designated as Early). See track course lists at back of manual.

Genre (E) _____

Genre (E) _____

U.S. Multi-Ethnic & World (E) _____

U.S. Multi-Ethnic & World (E) _____

Historical Contexts (E) _____

Historical Contexts (E) _____

Intermediate Level Writings Crossover Courses for Literatures Track

Writings Crossover _____

Writings Crossover _____

ENG 400 Seminars: English core courses are pre-reqs.

ENG 400 _____

ENG 400 _____

ENG 400 _____

Minor OR Concentration OR English Dept. Electives

Electives option: Six English courses, only ENG, LIT, CLS, WRH, JRN, CRW, or FLM – **NO LIT 100, LIT 165, CLS 165 or WRT courses!**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

For each double-dip class between English major and minor, student must take an additional English course elective. Indicate those courses below:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

CHECK FOR COMMON ERRORS:

- None of the courses used to fulfill my Distributive Gen Ed requirements are Interdisciplinary "I" courses.

B.A. in English: Writings Advising Sheet

Name: _____

ID#: _____

<p>General Education Requirements</p> <p>Academic Foundations</p> <p>WRT 120 _____</p> <p>WRT 200 – 220 _____</p> <p>MAT 103+ _____</p> <p>SPK 208 or 230 _____</p> <p>Diverse Communities (J) _____</p> <p>Interdisciplinary (I) _____</p> <p>Distributive Sciences Courses (see approved list)</p> <p>Science #1 _____</p> <p>Science #2 _____</p> <p>Distributive Behavioral/Social Sciences (see approved list)</p> <p>Soc. Sci #1 _____</p> <p>Soc. Sci #2 _____</p> <p>Distributive Humanities & Arts (see approved list)</p> <p>Humanities #1 <u>HIS</u> _____</p> <p>Humanities #2 <u>PHI</u> _____</p> <p>Arts _____</p> <p>Gen Ed Electives* (Use one if you need a 101 level language)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>English Major Courses – Writings Track B.A.</p> <p>Language Courses</p> <p>ENG/LIN 230 Intro. to Linguistics _____</p> <p>Language 102 _____</p> <p>Language 201 _____</p> <p>Language 202 _____</p> <p>English Core Courses</p> <p>ENG 194 _____</p> <p>ENG 295 (best after ENG194) _____</p> <p>ENG 296 or ENG 206 (best after 194) _____</p> <p>Intermediate Level Writings Track Courses See track course lists at back of manual.</p> <p>Style and Aesthetics _____</p> <p>Style and Aesthetics _____</p> <p>Power and Politics _____</p> <p>Power and Politics _____</p> <p>Information Literacy, Technology, and Media (2) _____</p> <p>Intermediate Level Literatures Crossover Courses for Writings Track. No FLM courses</p> <p>Literatures Crossover _____</p> <p>Literatures Crossover _____</p>	<p>ENG 400 Seminars: English core courses are pre-reqs.</p> <p>ENG 400 _____</p> <p>ENG 400 _____</p> <p>ENG 400 _____</p> <p>Minor OR Concentration OR English Dept. Electives</p> <p>Electives option: Six English courses, only ENG, LIT, CLS, WRH, JRN, CRW, or FLM – NO LIT 100, LIT 165, CLS 165 or WRT courses!</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p> <p>5. _____</p> <p>6. _____</p> <p>For each double-dip class between English major and minor, student must take an additional English course elective. Indicate those courses below:</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <hr/> <p>CHECK FOR COMMON ERRORS:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None of the courses used to fulfill my Distributive Gen Ed requirements are Interdisciplinary "I" courses.</p>
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B.A. ENGLISH MAJORS PORTFOLIO
Include this Coversheet with Your Portfolio
(Fillable Word Doc available on D2L English Majors' Forum)

Instructions: Please fill out this sheet and submit it with your portfolio before the end of your last semester at WCU. Your portfolio should contain two writing projects that you consider the best examples of your work completed in undergraduate English courses. Selected items must include the following: (1) **one ENG 400 seminar project** and (2) **one other English department research project (1,800-3,000 words; can be another ENG 400)** of which you feel most proud. Please don't include any instructor's comments or grades, but you may revise any piece before submission. Compose an introduction (essay or letter) that addresses each item in the portfolio and explains the context as needed (course, assignment's expectations, instructions). Your introduction should discuss how the items in the portfolio represent your growth in the major. In addition, please reflect on your skill in finding, assessing, and incorporating outside sources and critical voices in your work. You are also encouraged to reflect more generally on your educational experience in the B.A. in English program at WCU.

Your Name	
Track (WRT/LIT)	
Graduation: semester and year	

In the spaces provided below, please list the titles or assignment names for the formal essays included in your portfolio.

Order	Title of Essay and/or Class for which Essay was Submitted
Coversheet	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed
Introduction	
ENG 400 Seminar Essay	
Another English Dept. Researched Essay [No WRT]. (1,800-3,000 words)	

Submission

- **Online:** Log into the *English Majors Forum* in D2L. Click on *Dropbox* on the top menu bar. Follow instructions for submission.

TAKE YOUR B.A. ENGLISH ADVISING QUIZ!



Test your program knowledge by taking the quiz below that asks you about general education and your English major. Answers can be found at the end of this handbook.

General Education & General Advising

1. Who is the primary steward of a student's academic career? What is the role of an English department advisor?
2. Why can't an Interdisciplinary course count as one of your Gen Ed distributive area classes?
3. Does a creative writing seminar count as ENG 400, the research seminar?
4. What should you do if you want to take classes at another college and have them count at WCU?
5. When should you apply for graduation? What happens when you apply for graduation?
6. What is the minimum number of credits needed to graduate, by state mandate?
7. If you want to declare a minor, what should you do?
8. How many courses can you "double-dip" between an English major and an English minor? (I.e., how many courses can you use to satisfy the requirements of both programs?)

B. A. English (Writings & Literatures)

1. What is the difference between a minor and a concentration?
2. How many crossover courses are required for the B.A. in either track?
3. What level of foreign language must you achieve?

ENGLISH B.S.ED. & POST-BAC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS TEACHER EDUCATION POLICIES

For students pursuing the B.S.Ed. and Post-Baccalaureate Teaching Certification in English Secondary Ed.



This section provides B.S.Ed. students or prospective students with some information on admission to the teacher education program, student teaching prerequisites for Pennsylvania secondary schools, and the Praxis II exams. The requirements derive from directives from our accrediting bodies: the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Students in our program benefit by earning a degree approved by these accrediting bodies; most school districts look for such degrees.

You can find extensive information about tests, certification, etc., on the College of Education and Social Work's site <https://www.wcupa.edu/education-socialWork/> and D2L's English Majors Forum.

Policy for Formal Admission to Teacher Education (FATE)

All students seeking a teacher education degree or certification must apply for Formal Admission to Teacher Education. In order to complete the degree in eight semesters of full-time study, students should apply for formal admission sometime in their sophomore year. For FATE, students must:

1. Complete 48 credits of college-level coursework. FATE must be attained before 60 credits earned to progress in program.
2. Pass the Test of Writing Competency administered by the Department of English. For details, please see page 24.
3. Achieve a minimum GPA of 2.8.
4. Pass the Basic Skills Testing in reading, writing, and math. Passing scores are defined on the College of Education's website, at <https://www.wcupa.edu/education-socialWork/paTests.aspx>. You may be exempt from these tests depending on your SATs or ACTs; check the appropriate drop down category.
5. Earned 3 credits in college-level English composition, 3 credits in Literature, and 6 credits in Math.
6. Complete College of Education's English application for FATE and English Department's FATE II form (see page 34). Completed forms should be handed in to Program Coordinator in Main 506.

No student may take
EDS 306, ENG 390,
ENG 392, or student
teach without FATE.

Clearances

B.S.Ed. English students must have criminal background, child abuse, fingerprinting, and TB clearances for EDP 250, EDA 304, ENG 390, ENG 392, EDS 306, EDS 411, and EDS 412.

If you do not have current clearances, you will be removed from these classes at the beginning of the term. To keep up-to-date with current procedures for clearances, please visit the College of Education's clearances page: <http://www.wcupa.edu/education-socialWork/clearances.aspx>.

Student Teaching prerequisites

To student teach, you must attend the mandatory student teaching meeting two semesters before you plan to student teach. Check your WCU email and/or D2L English Majors Forum site for meeting schedule. Please look for details about your student teaching (school assignment policies, expectations, etc.) in your Student Teaching Handbook, obtained from the English B.S.Ed. Coordinator (Main Hall 500). In addition, you must:

1. Pass the Writing Portfolio requirement administered by the Department of English in order to student teach. Please see separate section for procedures/requirements.
2. Attain a “C” or higher in selected classes. See the WCU catalogue under the English Department’s Student Teaching Pre-requisites to review the current list of courses that require a “C” or higher:

EDF 300	LIT 398
EDP 250	CLS 260, 261, 361, 362, or 367
EDS 306	ENG 194, 295, 296 or ENG 206, 331, 390, and 392
ENG/LIN 230	WRT 120, 200 or 204, 205, 206, 208, or 220
LAN/ENG 382	

If you receive a C- or lower, you should retake the course immediately before attempting more advanced courses in English or Education. Students having difficulty with several of the courses listed above should recognize that they may not meet the competency requirements for student teaching and should consider withdrawing from the B.S.Ed. program.

3. Complete **all coursework** (including NGs) before student teaching. Additional coursework or incomplete work will not be permitted during or after student teaching.

Students must complete **all coursework** (including NGs) before student teaching.

4. Attain a “minimum cumulative GPA” of 2.8 for all courses listed on your official transcript. However, mathematically, a GPA of 2.9 for 110 credits is required before student teaching to reach the 3.0 GPA required by the PA Dept. of Education for teacher certification, assuming a grade of A is earned for EDS 411 and 412, both sessions of student teaching. This formula changes depending on the number of credits accumulated. No one will be approved to student teach with a GPA below 2.8. **To graduate with the B.S.Ed. degree, students must achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 at the end of their program.**

Praxis II requirement

All B.S.Ed. and certification students must attempt the Praxis II exam (English Language Arts: Content Knowledge, ETS #5038) before their student teaching semester. Students must pass this exam before being certified by the state of Pennsylvania. Passing scores are defined on the College of Education’s website, at <https://www.wcupa.edu/education-socialWork/paTests.aspx>

Field course sequence

In order for field experience hours to build logically through levels, students must take these courses in this order:

- Level 1 – EDP 250
- Level 2 – EDA 304
- Level 3 – EDS 306 (requires FATE)
- Level 3 – ENG 390 (pre-requisites: EDS 306 & FATE)
- Level 3 – ENG 392 (pre-requisites: EDS 306 & FATE, recommended EDR 347)
- Level 4 – EDS 411 and 412 – Student Teaching (pre-requisites: all Level 3 courses)

*NOTE: Level 3 courses may not be taken in the same semester. They are not taught during summer session. ENG 392 can be taken before ENG 390.

B.S.ED. PROGRAM PROGRESSION



General overview ONLY – please see other sections of this manual for more detail & requirements.

YEAR 1

- ❖ Gen Ed
- ❖ English core: ENG 194, ENG 295, & ENG 296 or ENG 206
- ❖ Education classes: EDF 300 & EDA 103 suggested
- ❖ Begin taking Basic Skills tests!



YEAR 2

- ❖ Finish Gen Ed
- ❖ Begin English track classes
- ❖ Obtain field experience clearances
- ❖ Take Level 1 & 2 field classes in order: EDP 250 & EDA 304
- ❖ Pass English Dept. Test of Writing Competency (TOWC)
- ❖ Meet with Professional & Secondary Ed advisor
- ❖ Apply for Formal Admission to Teacher Education (FATE)



Before END OF YEAR 2

⌘ ATTAIN FORMAL ADMISSION – FATE ⌘

This means you have:

- ❖ Earned at least 48 college credits, including 3 in Writing, 3 in Literature, and 6 in Math
- ❖ Passed all your Basic Skills tests (unless your SAT/ACT test scores exempt you)
- ❖ Passed the English Department's Test of Writing Competency (TOWC)
- ❖ Earned a GPA of 2.8 or higher
- ❖ Completed FATE application & FATE II form and submitted them with your completed advising sheets to Program Coordinator



YEAR 3

- ❖ EDS 306 – **after FATE but before ENG 390 & ENG 392** – no exceptions to this pre-req. & no simultaneous enrollment
- ❖ LIT 398 and EDR 347
- ❖ Remaining English and Education classes
- ❖ 1st ENG 400
- ❖ ENG 390 or ENG 392 – **after FATE & EDS 306**, no simultaneous enrollment
- ❖ Pass Writing Portfolio requirement
- ❖ *Take* Praxis II test. You must **attempt** this test before your first day of student teaching and **pass** for PA teacher certification.



YEAR 4

- ❖ ENG 390 or ENG 392 – **after FATE & EDS 306**, no simultaneous enrollment
- ❖ 2nd ENG 400
- ❖ Remaining English and Education classes
- ❖ *Pass* Praxis II test. You must **take** this test before your first day of student teaching. You must **pass** this test for PA teacher certification.
- ❖ Final semester: Student teaching, EDS 411 and 412. **All course work & NGs completed before this!**

ENGLISH B.S.ED. & POST-BAC PROGRAM REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

Use this chart to keep track of when you complete each item.

** Note: B.S.Ed. students should take undergraduate courses. Post-Bac students have the option of taking graduate or undergraduate courses, depending on their program of study, and should consult their Post-Bac advisor.

REQUIREMENT	NOTES	DATE COMPLETED
Post-Bac Advising Worksheet	Post-Bacs students only. Meet with Post-Bac Advisor to complete form prior to enrolling in classes.	
Clearances	ALL FIELD COURSES REQUIRE CLEARANCES. EDP 250/550, EDA 304/511, EDS 306/505, ENG 390, ENG 392, EDS 411/412. See: http://www.wcupa.edu/education-socialWork/clearances.aspx .	
Test of Writing Competency (TOWC)	This timed writing test is offered once a semester on a Friday from 4:15-7. Bring paper, a pen/pencil, and a dictionary. Registration not required.	
At least 48 Undergraduate Credits		
Approved Program of Study	Post-Bac students only: Complete during first semester, deliver to College of Education, Teacher Certification office.	
2.8 GPA	2.8 GPA required for FATE; 3.0 GPA required for PA teacher certification.	
6 credits Math	B.S.Ed. students only	
Basic Skills Tests	See http://www.wcupa.edu/education-socialWork/paTests.aspx for more information. *** Post-Bac students who were Ed majors <i>for any amount of time</i> as undergrad must pass the Tests.	
FATE (Formal Admission to Teacher Ed) Form	FATE form can be found in D2L - English Majors Forum or English Post-Bac Certification site, Content, Program Requirements. The B.S.Ed. Coordinator or Post-Bac advisor must sign this form!	
FATE II Form	FATE II form assists the English department in planning for upcoming methods courses and insures that students understand key program requirements. Can be found in D2L - English Majors Forum or English Post-Bac Certification site, Content, Program Requirements. Include a copy of your advising sheets. Your English advisor must sign this form!	
NCTE National Council of Teachers of English	Membership in the NCTE student affiliate chapter is highly recommended. Council activities can be beneficial for future teachers. Membership in a national, professional organization can only enhance a resume.	

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		
EDA 103/EDA 542	Foundations of Special Education	
EDF 300/EDF 589	Democracy & Education	
LEVEL 1 FIELD EDP 250/EDP 550	Educational Psychology	Take this class ASAP as it is the first in a sequence of 6 field courses that must be taken in order.
LEVEL 2 FIELD EDA 304/EDA 511	Special Ed Processes	Pre-requisites: EDA 103/EDA 542 and EDP 250/EDP 550
ENG/LAN 382 or ENG/LAN 569	Teaching English Language Learners	
EDR 347/EDR 550	Literacy Development	Take this class prior to ENG 390
LIT 398/LIT 593	Young Adult Literature	

FATE Professional Education Requirements		
Writing Portfolio		Submit two semesters before Student Teaching. Details in Handbook section. See D2L English Majors forum for date and time due. Late portfolios will not be accepted.
College of Education Teacher Education Meeting		Required two semesters before Student Teaching - NO EXCEPTIONS! Meeting schedule posted in D2L - English Majors Forum and English Post-Bac Certification. Also emailed to Students and posted outside Main 506.
LEVEL 3 FIELD EDS 306/EDS 505	Principles of Tchg & Field Expr	Pre-requisite: FATE See Deb Kaba in Wayne 502 to register!
LEVEL 3 FIELD ENG 390	Tchg English in Sec Schools	Pre-requisite: EDS 306 or EDS 505 We DO NOT recommend taking ENG 390 & 392 in the same semester due to their demanding workload and field hours required. Field hrs. 25+ Register with Program Coordinator, Main 506.
LEVEL 3 FIELD ENG 392	Writing and Tchg Writing Secondary English	Pre-requisite: EDS 306 or EDS 505 We DO NOT recommend taking ENG 390 & 392 in the same semester due to their demanding workload and field hours required. Field hrs. 18-25 Register with Program Coordinator, Main 506.
LEVEL 4 FIELD EDS 411/412	Student Teaching	Pre-requisite: all Level 3 Field courses All coursework must be completed before student teaching! Minimum GPA of 2.8 required; 3.0 GPA required for PA teacher certification.

**TEST OF WRITING COMPETENCY & PORTFOLIO
REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES
For B.S.Ed. and Teacher Certification in English**



This document will explain the requirements for the Test of Writing Competency (TOWC) and the Writing Portfolio. These are only required for students in the B.S.Ed. and Post-Bac programs, for students pursuing PA Teacher Certification. Students must pass the Test of Writing Competency in order to gain Formal Admission to the Teacher Education Program (FATE) in English. Students with FATE must pass the Writing Portfolio requirement to student teach.

TEST OF WRITING COMPETENCY

All B.S.Ed. and Post-Bac students *must* pass the Test of Writing Competency to be formally admitted to our teacher education program. The Test is given once each fall and spring semester; test dates and location are posted in the Department of English, with advisors, and on our D2L site. The Test is not given during the summer. Take the Test no later than your second semester with sophomore status; transfer, certification, and graduate students should take the Test as soon as possible.

Procedures:

- You do not need to register for the Test.
- Bring to the Test: blue/black pen(s), 8 ½ X 11 writing paper; dictionary, if desired.
- ***If you do not pass:*** Students who fail the Test of Writing Competency must confer with a member of the Teacher Education Committee during the same semester in which the Test was taken. They should retake the Test the following semester.
- Students whose Test of Writing Competency does not meet Department standards after two submissions will be required to do additional work in writing before they may take the Test a third time. This work may involve taking an offered course or doing independent study in writing supervised by a faculty member.

Keep alert for the Test of Writing Competency dates on D2L and WCU email! It is only offered once per semester & never in the summer.

WRITING PORTFOLIOS

All Teacher Certification students entering the program must submit a Writing Portfolio that illustrates their excellence in writing **two semesters before student teaching**. No summer submissions are accepted. Students who submit their Portfolios at least two semesters before student teaching will have plenty of time to resubmit a revised Portfolio the following semester in the event that it does not pass on the first attempt. Students who do not pass and have not submitted their Portfolios at least two semesters prior to student teaching may risk delay in student teaching and graduation.

Requirements:

Portfolios that do not meet all of the following requirements will not be read:

- ***The portfolio consists of four papers (and each paper should be clearly identified):***
 - **The Self-Assessment** is a reflection on your writing and yourself as a writer in which you connect previous pieces of your writing to the writer, reader and thinker that you have become. This piece should help your readers understand why you chose each piece of writing, the assignment for each paper, the writing/composing process, AND what each piece reveals about your ability and/or growth as a writer. Remember that you can choose writing from anywhere in your college career; the Self-Assessment is your opportunity to demonstrate how you have developed reflective and analytical skills regarding your own writing. This reflection/assessment of your

writing should be approximately 3-4 pages long, citing specifics from your writing, and be in essay form. This should be the first paper in your portfolio.

- **Personal Essay** includes personal autobiographical narrative as well as fiction, biography, and oral history. The Personal Essay tells a story generated by the writer, not gathered from a secondary source, and may take the form of memoir, literacy narrative, stories (not poems) from creative writing classes, or related type. **Ask yourself: does this piece tell some kind of story about me?**
 - **Research Writing** incorporates primary and secondary sources and a **recognized citation system (the citations must be correct!!)**. It can be a literary research paper, from an English core class, from an ENG 400 seminar, or even from a Gen Ed class.
 - **Persuasive Writing** paper's purpose is to move readers to form or to change an opinion or to take a specific action. This includes literary analysis and other academic essays intended to prove a thesis, as well as book reviews or other opinion-based writing.
- **Portfolio specifics:**
 - The Portfolio must be in an 8 ½ X 11 manila folder with the writer's full name on the tab.
 - All papers should be in their original form and include grades and comments. Graded papers can come from any university, but must have been written for a college class.
 - **At least one paper must have all preceding notes and drafts.**
 - You may hand in printouts of papers that were electronically graded. If your instructor provided audio comments, you may send them to Dr. Renzi as an email attachment.
 - If you do not have one of the specified modes (personal, research, or persuasive) from a college class, you can write one expressly for your portfolio. This will count as the ONE ungraded paper. Ungraded papers written expressly for the Portfolio must include all drafts and notes. No more than **two** ungraded papers (inclusive of the reflective piece) may be submitted.

Procedures:

- Students should submit and sign-in their Portfolios to the English Department secretary in Main 540. **Late portfolios will not be accepted, so please observe carefully the due date and time specified.**
- ***If you do not pass:*** Students must confer with their readers, listed in the letter included with the returned Portfolio, during the same semester in which the Portfolio was submitted. Students should resubmit their Portfolios **during the following semester** by the deadline specified. No Portfolios are evaluated during the summer.
- Students whose Portfolios do not meet Department standards after two submissions will be required to do additional work in writing before they may resubmit the Portfolio. This may involve taking a recommended course or doing independent study in writing, supervised by an English faculty member.
- If you have questions, please contact the English B.S.Ed. Coordinator, Dr. Laura Renzi at lrenzi@wcupa.edu. **In order to receive answers to your questions in a timely manner, please contact Dr. Renzi one week (7 days) before the Portfolio is due.**

Remember to submit your Writing portfolio at least **two semesters (one year)** before you hope to student teach.

You must pass **both** the Test of Writing Competency & the Writing Portfolio to attain a B.S.Ed. in Secondary English Education, and PA teaching certification at WCU.

PORTFOLIO AND TEST OF WRITING COMPETENCY HOLISTIC SCORING GUIDE

6	5	4	3	2	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sharp, distinct voice substantial, specific, and/or illustrative content; sophisticated ideas that are particularly well-developed meaningful organization writer's voice apparent in tone, sentence structure, and word choice few mechanical and usage errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> clear focus specific and illustrative content obviously controlled, functional organization precision and variety in sentence structure and word choice some mechanical and usage errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> adequate focus sufficient content logical organization some precision and variety in sentence structure and word choice mechanical and usage errors not severe enough to interfere significantly with the writer's purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vague focus content limited to a listing, repetition, or mere sequence of ideas inconsistent organization limited sentence variety and word choice repeated weaknesses in mechanics and usage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> confused focus superficial content confused organization lack of sentence variety and word choice variety mechanical and usage errors that seriously interfere with the writer's purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> absence of focus absence of relevant content absence of organization no apparent control over sentence structure and word choice mechanical and usage errors so severe that writer's ideas are difficult if not impossible to understand

NOTE: Scores 6 and 5 are "pass." Scores 4 through 1 or OP are "no pass."

NON-SCOREABLE (NS)	OFF-PROMPT (OP)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> is illegible: i.e., includes so many undecipherable words that no sense can be made of the response or is incoherent: i.e., words are legible but syntax is so garbled that response makes no sense or is a blank paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> is readable but did not respond to the prompt contains language or content that is inappropriate for a professional audience reflects a lack of awareness of—or sensitivity to—issues of diversity (gender, race/ethnicity, social class, sexuality, age, disability, etc.)

CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE WRITING

FOCUS	CONTENT	ORGANIZATION	STYLE	CONVENTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates an awareness of audience and task establishes and maintains a clear purpose sustains a single point of view exhibits clarity of ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> information and details are specific to topic information and details are relevant to focus ideas are fully developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> logical order or sequence is maintained paragraphs deal with one subject logical transitions are made within sentences and between paragraphs introduction and conclusion are evident 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> precise language effective word choice voice, tone, originality of language variety of sentence structures, types, and lengths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mechanics: spelling, capitalization, punctuation usage (e.g., pronoun references, subject-verb agreement) sentence completeness

DISPOSITIONAL EXPECTATIONS FOR B.S.ED. AND POST-BAC TEACHER CERTIFICATION STUDENTS



What are "dispositions"?

Our accrediting bodies require that the teachers we graduate not only have the academic skills to succeed but also the professional and behavioral "dispositions" (see examples and expectations below). A well-developed set of professional skills and behavioral habits and attitudes speaks well of the school and the student. West Chester is committed to guiding students towards these dispositions, as well as graduating only those students who display them.

For more information on this topic, please speak with the English Department Teacher Education Coordinator, Department Chair, or Chair of the Department of Professional and Secondary Education in the College of Education and Social Work.

Professional Expectations

University-based:

1. Interaction with the instructor (promotes a professional and effective relationship with the Instructor; willing to accept instructor written or verbal constructive feedback).
2. Interaction with other departmental, college, and support staff (maintains a professional relationship; shows respect; values the positions of faculty and support staff).
3. Personal appearance, mannerisms, and values (dressed appropriately to the situation and learning environment; conducts him/herself professionally in speech through appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication patterns, in personal habits, and in mannerisms; exhibits fair, consistent, and equitable treatment of all; respects civil rights and confidentiality of all; demonstrates civility and respect for diversity; sees the worth of others and dignity in others; works effectively with peers in collaborative ways).
4. Adherence to class policies (punctual; observes schedules, regulations, and expectations of the university-student relationship).
5. Attendance and responsibility (reliable, regular in attendance according to the standards set by the instructor and the university; fulfills course obligations; notifies appropriate persons/submits necessary documentation if absent; carries through on assigned responsibilities; focuses attending behaviors during class discussion and lecture presentations).
6. Level of preparedness (shows evidence of being well-prepared for class academically and attitudinally; shows willingness to approach tasks in an organized and skillful manner; demonstrates appropriate professional content in assignments).

Field-based:

1. Interaction with the site-based teacher (promotes a professional and effective relationship with the teacher(s); willing to accept written or verbal constructive feedback from the teacher(s)).
2. Interaction with other building staff (maintains a professional relationship; shows respect; values the positions of and is courteous to administrators and other building staff).

3. Personal appearance, mannerisms, and values (appropriately dressed and groomed to the school culture; conducts him/herself professionally in speech through appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication patterns, in personal habits, and in mannerisms; exhibits fair, consistent, and equitable treatment of all; respects civil rights and confidentiality of all; maintains confidentiality of school matters and child-specific information; demonstrates civility and respect for diversity; sees the worth and dignity of all; works effectively with school staff in collaborative ways).
4. Adherence to class policies (adheres to building and staff policies and procedures; punctual; observes schedules, regulations, and expectations of the university-district relationship).
5. Attendance and responsibility (reliable, regular in attendance and time on-site according to the standards set by the instructor in collaboration with the school partner; fulfills course field obligations; notifies appropriate persons/submits necessary documentation if absent; carries through on assigned responsibilities; shows good professional judgment).
6. Level of preparedness (shows evidence of being well-prepared for field duties academically and attitudinally; shows willingness to approach tasks in an organized and skillful manner; demonstrates enthusiasm for the students and the teaching process; uses time effectively; is able to adapt to changing situations in the classroom or school).

Teacher Education Dispositions Monitoring Process

If a faculty member documents that a particular Teacher Education or pre-service student is having difficulty with one of the following dispositional expectations in a university or field-based course that faculty member is teaching, he/she will refer the situation to the English B.S.Ed. Coordinator. The B.S.Ed. Coordinator will then request a meeting with the student, share evidence of the concerns, hear the student's reason for behavior(s) of concern, make recommendations for improvement where appropriate, and follow up the meeting with a notice and action plan sent to the student and his/her department chair. The notice and action plan will be placed in the student's file in the department and will also be sent to the Teacher Education center. The student also may be required to meet with a committee of faculty within the major department, at the department's discretion, to

1. explore the nature of the concerns,
2. hear the student's reasons for the behavior(s) of concern, and
3. discuss corrective measures for remaining in the professional education sequence.

If the behavior of concern is not corrected satisfactorily, it may lead to the department's recommendation to deny formal admission to Teacher Education and/or advancement in the program. These recommendations would be forwarded to the Associate Dean of the College of Education for a final ruling. At this time, if the student chooses to appeal the ruling, the matter would come before the Teacher Education Student Appeals Committee, according to established protocol.

B.S.Ed. English: Literatures Advising Sheet

Name:	ID #	Date Major Declared:
General Education Requirements		
I. Foundations		
	Credits	Course
Semester	Grade	Notes
*WRT 120 – Effective Writing	3	
*WRT 200-220	3	
MAT 103+	3	
SPK 208 or 230	3	
Diverse Communities (J)	3	*ENG/LAN 382
Interdisciplinary (I)	3	*EDF 300
2. Distributive Science Requirements – 2 different prefixes. NO Interdisciplinary courses!		
Science #1 (see approved list)	3	
Science #2 (see approved list)	3	
3. Distributive Behavioral/Social Science Requirements – 2 different prefixes. NO Interdisciplinary courses!		
Behavioral & Social Science #1 (see approved list)	3	PSY 100 (recom.)
Behavioral & Social Science #2 (see approved list)	3	
4. Distributive Humanities & Arts Requirements. NO Interdisciplinary courses!		
History (see approved list)	3	
Philosophy (see approved list)	3	
The Arts (see approved list)	3	
5. General Education Electives		
Second Math <i>NOT</i> MAT 101, 102	3	
*ENG/LIN 230 Intro. to Linguistics	3	
*ENG 331 Structure of Modern Eng	3	
English Courses		
1. English Core Courses		
*ENG 194 – Conventions of Reading & Writing	3	
*ENG 295 (after 194)	3	
*ENG 296 or ENG 206 (after 194)	3	
2. Intermediate Level Literatures Track Courses – 2 must be marked as “Early”		
See Track lists at back of manual. *Note: U.S. Multi-ethnic & World Lit courses don’t always meet World reqmt.		
Genre	3	E?
U.S. Multi-Ethnic & World	3	E?
Historical Context	3	E?
LIT or CLS Elective (no FLM, CLS 350)	3	E?
LIT or CLS Elective (no FLM, CLS 350)	3	E?
Intermediate Lit track classes must include one American, British, & World literature class. See lists at back of manual. Note these classes below.		
American:	British:	World°:

Intermediate Level Writings Crossover Courses for Literatures Track – see lists at back of manual					
WRH 325 - Info Literacy, Tech & Media	3		Spring only		
Writings Elective	3				
Writings Elective	3				
3. ENG 400 – pre-reqs.: 3 English Core Courses					
ENG 400	3				
ENG 400	3				
Professional Education Requirements					
Pre-reqs for these classes can change. Please consult with your Prof & Secondary Ed advisor.					
EDA 103 - Foundations of Spec. Ed.	3				
*EDF 300 – Democracy & Education	X	See “I” req.			
*EDP 250** – Educ. Psych. Level 1 Field Exp.	3				
EDA 304** – Spec. Ed. Processes & Procedures for Sec. Ed. <u>Level 2</u> Field Exp.	3				Pre-req.: EDA 103, EDP 250
*ENG/LAN 382 - Teaching English Language Learners PK-12	X	See “J” req.			ENG/LIN 230 recom. pre-req.
EDR 347 - Literacy Dev. & Secondary Student with Disabilities in Inclusive Classrooms	3				Pre-req.: EDA 103
*LIT 398 - Young Adult Literature	3				Pre-req.: 3 ENG Core courses
Professional Education Courses Requiring Formal Admission to Teacher Education (FATE)					
*EDS 306** - Teaching Principles & Field Exp. <u>Level 3</u> Field Exp.	3				Pre-req: EDP 250, EDA 304
*ENG 390** - Teaching English in Sec. Schools. <u>Level 3</u> Field Exp.	3				Pre-req.: EDS 306; EDR 347 recom.
*ENG 392** - Writing & Teaching Writing Secondary English <u>Level 3</u> Field Exp.	3				Pre-req: EDS 306
Student Teaching					
ALL COURSEWORK MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE STUDENT TEACHING. Minimum GPA of 2.8 required.					
*EDS 411 & EDS 412** – Student Teaching <u>Level 4</u> Field Exp.	12				

*C or better required in the course

** Course requires **Clearances** for field hours

Milestones in the Teacher Education Program			
<i>FATE Milestones</i>	<i>Date Completed?</i>	<i>Student Teaching Milestones</i>	<i>Date Completed?</i>
Basic Skills tests		Writing Portfolio	
Test of Writing Competency		Praxis II	
Formal Admission GPA ≥ 2.8 required		GPA to graduate ≥ 3.0 required	

B.S.Ed. English: Writings Advising Sheet

Name:	ID #	Date Major Declared:			
General Education Requirements					
I. Foundations					
	Credits	Course	Semester	Grade	Notes
*WRT 120 – Effective Writing	3				
*WRT 200-220	3				
MAT 103+	3				
SPK 208 or 230	3				
Diverse Communities (J)	3	*ENG/LAN 382			
Interdisciplinary (I)	3	*EDF 300			
2. Distributive Science Requirements –two different prefixes. NO Interdisciplinary courses!					
Science #1 (see approved list)	3				
Science #2 (see approved list)	3				
3. Distributive Behavioral/Social Science Requirements –two different prefixes. NO Interdisciplinary courses!					
Behavioral & Social Science #1 (see approved list)	3	PSY 100 (recom.)			
Behavioral & Social Science #2 (see approved list)	3				
4. Distributive Humanities & Arts Requirements – NO Interdisciplinary courses!					
History (see approved list)	3				
Philosophy (see approved list)	3				
The Arts (see approved list)	3				
5. General Education Electives					
Second Math <i>NOT</i> MAT 101, 102	3				
*ENG/LIN 230 Intro. to Linguistics	3				
*ENG 331 Structure of Modern Eng	3				
English Courses					
1. English Core Courses					
*ENG 194 Conventions of Reading & Writing	3				
*ENG 295 (after 194)	3				
*ENG 296 or ENG 206 (after 194)	3				
2. Intermediate Level Writings Track Courses					
See Track lists at back of manual.					
Style & Aesthetics	3				
Power & Politics	3				
WRH 325 - Info Literacy, Tech & Media	3		Spring only		
Writings Elective	3				
Writings Elective	3				

Intermediate Level Literatures Crossover Courses for Writings Track – see lists at back of manual					
American lit	3		E?		One of these classes must be marked “Early”.
British lit	3		E?		
World lit	3		E?		
3. ENG 400 – pre-reqs.: 3 English Core Courses					
ENG 400	3				
ENG 400	3				
Professional Education Requirements					
Pre-reqs for these classes can change. Please consult with your Prof & Secondary Ed advisor.					
EDA 103 – Foundations of Spec. Ed.	3				
*EDF 300 – Democracy & Education	X	See “I” req.			
*EDP 250** – Educ. Psych. <u>Level 1</u> Field Exp.	3				
EDA 304** – Spec. Ed. Processes & Procedures for Sec. Ed. <u>Level 2</u> Field Exp.	3				Pre-req.: EDA 103, EDP 250
*ENG/LAN 382 – Teaching English Language Learners PK-12	X	See “J” req.			ENG/LIN 230 recom. pre-req.
EDR 347 – Literacy Dev. & Secondary Student with Disabilities in Inclusive Classroom	3				Pre-req.: EDA 103
*LIT 398 – Young Adult Literature	3				Pre-req.: 3 ENG Core courses
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Basic Skills tests		Writing Portfolio	
Test of Writing Competency		Praxis II	
Formal Admission GPA \geq 2.8 required		GPA to graduate \geq 3.0 required	

FORMAL ADMISSION FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (FATE) PART II

**** FATE form will not be processed without this form, advising sheets and all required attachments and signatures ****

Submit this form with your FATE form and all required attachments to the English Dept. Program Coordinator in Main Hall 506.

Name _____ ID# _____

Remember, you must:

- Have read, understand and agree to comply with all requirements and policies of the English B.S.Ed. program detailed in the English Majors Handbook,
- Complete **ALL** coursework before your student teaching semester,
- Have an **American, British, and World Literature** course from the designated courses approved in the English Major's Handbook,
- Receive a 3.0 GPA to graduate with a B.S.Ed. degree/teacher certification in Pennsylvania, and
- Attend a student teaching meeting conducted by Dr. Price **one full year before** your student teaching semester.

My signature indicates that I have read and understand these requirements.

Student Signature

Date

Advisor Signature

Credits: _____

GPA: _____

Semester you plan on taking the following (this is not binding, but it helps for planning purposes):

Course

Semester

ENG 390

ENG 392

Student Teaching

TAKE YOUR B.S.ED. ENGLISH ADVISING QUIZ!



Test your program knowledge by taking the quiz below that asks you about general education and your English major. Answers can be found at the end of this handbook.

General Education & General Advising

1. Who is the primary steward of a student's academic career? What is the role of an English department advisor?
2. Why can't an Interdisciplinary class count as one of your Gen Ed Distributive area classes?
3. Does a creative writing seminar count as ENG 400, the research seminar?
4. What should you do if you want to take classes at another college and have them count at WCU?
5. When should you apply for graduation? What happens when you apply for graduation?
6. What is the minimum number of credits needed to graduate, by state mandate?
7. If you want to declare a minor, what should you do?
8. How many courses can you "double-dip" between an English major and an English minor? (I.e., how many classes can you use to satisfy the requirements of both programs?)

B.S.Ed. English (Writings & Literatures)

1. What criteria do you need in order to apply for FATE? What documents need to be part of the package?
2. What is the field experience class sequence?
3. What is the difference between the "U.S. Multi-Ethnic and World" category and the "World Literature" category in the handbook? How many courses are on both lists?
4. How many semesters should you set aside for taking the following methods courses: EDS 306, ENG 390, ENG 392, EDS 411, & EDS 412?
5. When should you submit your Teacher Education Writing Portfolio?

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT MINOR PROGRAMS



The English Department offers programs in seven Minor programs that enable students to explore an academic area in depth without adding a second Major. These 18 credit programs expose students to skills and knowledge from a range of fields within the discipline of English Studies:

- African/African American Literature
- Business and Technical Writing
- Creative Writing
- Film Criticism
- Journalism
- Linguistics
- Literature

***One exception: English majors with a Literatures track cannot also have a minor in Literature.*

A *Digital Humanities and New Media* interdisciplinary minor has been recently approved. Additional information is available in the WCU Undergraduate catalog.

For detailed information on each minor, including an advising sheet with a list of required courses, visit the English Minors link on the English Department Home page:
<http://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/English/default.aspx>.

If you are interested in enrolling in one of these minors, or any minor at WCU, please visit your *myWCU* page, and follow the link titled *Change in Academic Plan Request*. Also, contact the Program Coordinator, Mary Clark, to review the English minor requirements.

INTERNSHIPS FOR ENGLISH MAJORS

Increase your Professional Knowledge and Experience



The English Department encourages all of its B.A. majors to pursue internships. The advantages are numerous: internships enable you to apply your reading and writing skills to real workplace situations, make informed decisions about your career plans, and build valuable contacts. Our students have completed an exciting array of internships – in publishing, broadcasting, event planning, marketing, public relations, journalism, social media, political campaigns, legal research, environmental advocacy, and more – both on and off campus.

Maybe you know exactly what you want to do after you graduate—or maybe you have no clue. An internship can help you explore a professional area to help you make such decisions, to help you test how you apply your reading and writing skills in work situations, and to allow you to build professional connections. Most important perhaps, completing an internship tops the list of what employees weigh heavily in hiring recent graduates.¹ If you're in a major or minor English Department program, you will be eligible for an internship, once you have earned 80 credits. You owe it to yourself and your future to investigate the many possible internship experiences the English department makes available to its majors.

INTERNSHIP COORDINATORS

English majors: Prof. Eleanor Shevlin, Main 541, eshevlin@wcupa.edu

Business and Technical Writing minor: Prof. Ashley Patriarca, Main 523, apatriarca@wcupa.edu

Journalism minor: Prof. Chuck Bauerlein, Main 534, cbauerlein@wcupa.edu

INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS

Students have completed both on- and off-campus internships. They have done editorial work and proofreading; worked on marketing and social media campaigns; written press-releases, designed newsletters, brochures, and web pages; created and conducted questionnaires—among many other activities. Recent placements include Philadelphia-area publishers, local media, public-relations organizations, Philadelphia sports teams, corporate groups, law offices, nationally-based volunteer and nonprofit entities, and archives, museums and libraries, and select campus placements.

Before meeting with the appropriate Internship coordinator listed above, be sure to explore the many internship possibilities available to you by:

1. reviewing the internship section of the English Majors Forum on D2L;
2. visiting WCU's Twardowski Career Development Center In Lawrence Hall 225;
3. researching a business or organization you might like to intern for.

Once you've done this homework, you can then meet with the Internship coordinator to discuss your options.

¹ *Chronicle of Higher Education* and American Public Media's Marketplace Study, December 2012.

INTERNSHIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Any student seeking an English internship must be in the process of completing either a Major or Minor in the English Department. The student will be permitted to undertake an internship under the supervision of the English Department only after he or she has met all of the following requirements:

1. Accumulated at least 80 semester hours.
2. Completed at least 12 semester hours in courses in the English Major or an English Minor.
3. Watched the PowerPoint overview of the English Department's internship program (posted on the English Majors' Forum on D2L).
4. Met with his or her advisor to obtain information about internship eligibility.
5. Met with the appropriate internship coordinator (see page 37) to discuss the student's internship plans, search, and application materials.

The student should come to this meeting with a draft resumé and two writing samples (the samples may be academic papers or other written work that the student is particularly proud of).

6. Submitted the completed Internship Agreement form, with all signatures, to his or her faculty supervisor by the specified deadline. (The faculty supervisor will then submit the form to Dr. Shevlin.) Fall and Summer internship forms are due by the end of the Spring semester. Spring semester internship forms are due by the end of the Fall semester. No student will be registered for ENG 395—the official course designated for internships—until the completed form has been submitted.

Any exceptions to these terms must be approved by the appropriate internship coordinator.

INTERNSHIP ACTION SEQUENCE

Please note the established sequence of actions for the internship program:

1. Qualifying students must first apply for the internship (see steps above).
2. Upon approval and submission of completed paperwork, students will be registered for the internship under the course designation ENG 395. The internship sections are typically created by the English Department scheduler during final exam period or shortly afterwards. The scheduler will enroll you in ENG 395 when he or she creates the course for you. You should check your schedule before the semester starts to ensure that ENG 395 is showing up on your course list and that it reflects the proper number of credits.
3. Students then will do the internship.

Please also note that no internships will be retroactively approved. In other words, you can't first do the work and then apply to have it count as an internship.

ADDITIONAL RULES REGARDING INTERNSHIPS

A student may complete no more than 12 total credit hours of internship credit over the course of his or her undergraduate career.

1. Any student who wishes to take more than 9 hours of internship credit in a single semester must obtain approval from the internship coordinator and submit an application and an academic transcript (all in the semester preceding the internship).
2. The number of credits to be earned during an internship will be determined by the internship coordinator by applying a ratio of 40 hours of work for each hour of academic credit (for example, a student who worked 120 hours would receive three credit hours).
3. The internship credits for English majors can be applied to the 18-credit "Minor, Concentration, or Department Electives" section of the student's advising sheet; students should consult with their academic advisor for guidance.
4. It is the student's responsibility to demonstrate that he or she has met the academic requirements for an internship.

INTERNSHIP WORK REQUIREMENTS

During the actual internship, the following minimum requirements for work must be fulfilled:

1. Interns must perform the required number of hours doing contracted tasks at the internship site.
2. Interns must maintain regular contact with their faculty internship advisor, meeting at least three times over the course of the semester.
3. Interns must maintain a collection of samples of their work throughout the internship.
4. Interns must confer regularly with their on-site internship supervisor.
5. At the end of the internship, interns must submit a portfolio of their work to their faculty supervisor and an analytical report (5-7 pages, minimum 1,300 words) detailing the internship experience, documenting what the student learned and gained from it.

(Note: Business & Technical Writing Minors should consult with their Minor advisor for their specific portfolio requirements.)

GET INVOLVED!
ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO ENGLISH MAJORS



Want to get involved, in order to hone your reading and writing skills, to express yourself, to get published, to prepare yourself for a career, or to share ideas and experiences with other students interested in writing and publishing? Here are some of the activities the English Department offers. Make sure you take advantage of them!

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

The CWC offers students the chance to honor their craft as creative writers in a positive and nurturing environment.

Contact: Dr. Kristine Ervin, Main 112, kervin@wcupa.edu.

DAEDALUS

Daedalus, an interdisciplinary magazine of the arts, is a showcase for the work of student writers, artists, and photographers. Any student may submit work to the editors for possible publication.

Contact: Dr. Kristine Ervin, Main 112, kervin@wcupa.edu.

EAPSU CONFERENCE

The English Association of the Pennsylvania State Universities (EAPSU) is a regional professional organization whose members come from the faculty and students of the 14 state university English Departments in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). EAPSU's spring conference gives English students across PASSHE a venue for presenting scholarly work.

Contact: Prof. Lisa Konigsberg, Main 412, lkonigsberg@wcupa.edu.

Dr. Tim Ray, Main 108, tray@wcupa.edu.

ENGLISH CLUB

The English majors' student organization engages in a number of activities. It has hosted open mike nights and has published *Literati*, featuring undergraduate poetry, short stories, art, etc.

Contact: Dr. Timothy Ray, Main 108, tray@wcupa.edu.

Dr. Kristine Ervin, Main 112, kervin@wcupa.edu.

NCTE CHAPTER

The English Department hosts a student affiliate chapter of the National Council of Teachers of English. Members meet to discuss topics of professional interest and organize events and programming. Recent activities include tutoring at a local middle school; such experience is helpful for prospective teachers and can aid in building a resume. Student participation is highly recommended for English B.S.Ed. and Post-Bac students.

Contact: Dr. Pauline Schmidt, 210 East Rosedale, pschmidt@wcupa.edu.

PRE-LAW ADVISORY PROGRAM and THE PRE-LAW SOCIETY

The purpose of the Pre-Law Advisory Program is to familiarize students with the process of applying to law school (including the LSAT), the criteria for admission, and the financial implications of attending. The Pre-Law Advisor is available to discuss application preparation and strategies. The Society hosts events, in collaboration with the WCU Law Alumni Chapter, and speakers to discuss issues including the realities of attending law school and the present-day practice of law. Members of the Society also have opportunities to tour local law schools, attend a law school class, and complete a practice LSAT.

Membership is open to all students within the University community, regardless of major.

Advisor: Dr. Sandra Tomkowicz, BPM 484, stomkowicz@wcupa.edu.

THE QUAD

The Quad is the student news service of West Chester University. It is managed by a student staff of writers, editors, photographers and multimedia journalists, with a faculty member as advisor. In addition to its primary role of disseminating news of campus events, *The Quad* provides students with practical experience in reporting, editing, photography, videography and multimedia journalism, as well as in advertising, social media marketing, web design, distribution, and business operations. Numerous *Quad* alumni have gone on to successful careers as print, broadcast, and multimedia journalists. Getting involved with *The Quad* can be a valuable first step toward launching a career in the news industry.

Contact: *The Quad* Editor, 610.436.2375, Sykes Union Building 253, quadeic@wcupa.edu, or Dr. Ben Kuebrich, *Quad* Faculty Advisor, Main 312, bkuebrich@wcupa.edu.

SIGMA TAU DELTA

Sigma Tau Delta is the English Majors' Honor Society, and offers opportunities for scholarly exploration in the form of publications and conferences. Students are selected for admission to this society based on their academic performance. Students are notified of their eligibility for this Society.

SERPENTINE YEARBOOK

The Serpentine is West Chester University's annual archive of the experiences, events and persons of our campus community. There are many opportunities to showcase student expertise and skills. Students, from any given year, from any major, are encouraged to showcase their writing, graphic design, social media, marketing, editing, and desktop publishing skills and become a member of the Serpentine Staff.

Contact: Prof. Ilknur Sancak-Marusa, Main 535, ISancak-Marusa@wcupa.edu.

WCUR

The campus radio station at West Chester University offers experience in all phases of radio broadcasting, from on-air activities to radio production, management, and advertising. Operated entirely by students, WCUR offers practical work opportunities in a learning atmosphere. WCUR has been rated as one of 50 Top Best College Radio Stations, by BestColleges.com, www.bestcolleges.com.

Contact: Dr. Art Smith, Merion Science Center 234, asmith2@wcupa.edu.

WCU WRITING CENTER

The WCU Writing Center, located in FHG Library 251, is always looking for students with good writing skills who are interested in tutoring their peers. Students who volunteer at the Writing Center must attend several training sessions, enroll in "Writing Tutoring" ENG 397, and take their commitment to the Center seriously. Such student tutoring experience is helpful for those who want to teach writing or learn more about writing; it can also aid in building a resume. Graduate Students can take ENG 600 to learn about tutoring in more depth and to gain more experience at the Center.

Contact: Dr. Margaret Ervin, Main 535, mervin@wcupa.edu.

WRITING ZONES 12.5

A partnership between WCU and local high school writing centers, Writing Zones 12.5 trains university students to serve as writing mentors for high school students with the aim of bridging the gap between high school and college writing. University "peers" guide high school students toward an awareness of their own writing processes as they work on individual writing projects together. More broadly, the program attempts to use high school writing centers as a gateway to higher education, providing mentoring and encouragement for students unsure of their college readiness. Working as a Writing Zones mentor is a great way for interested WCU students to gain hands-on professional experience and contribute to local communities.

Contact: Dr. H. Bernard Hall, Main 203, hhall@wcupa.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES



Our students work frequently with individual faculty members on research and creative projects. Here are some of the research opportunities available to you as an English major. For more information, please visit *the Student Opportunities* page on the English Department Home page.

Summer Undergraduate Research Institute

Summer Undergraduate Research Institute (SURI) aims to enrich the undergraduate experience and prompt students to grow beyond consumers of information into creators of knowledge. Applications are typically due early in the spring semester for projects to be undertaken in Summer Session I. In the past, students have received a stipend of \$1,500 and free room and board while having the opportunity to pursue a project of their own making and work closely with a faculty mentor.

Contact: Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at <http://www.wcusuri.com/>.

West Chester Center for Book History

West Chester Center for Book History is dedicated to providing a multidimensional, interdisciplinary forum for the history and study of the written word.

Contact: Dr. Eleanor Shevlin, Main 541, eshevlin@wcupa.edu.

PA Literary and Cultural Heritage Map

The Literary and Cultural Heritage Map of Pennsylvania offers undergraduates the opportunity to conduct original research, edit, fact-check, update, and write new copy for writers and cultural figures associated with the Commonwealth. Students are recognized for editing or authoring the entries, so the projects offer them an opportunity for publication.

Contact: Dr. Eleanor Shevlin, Main 541, eshevlin@wcupa.edu.

STUDENT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



The English Department is proud to offer several awards and scholarships in recognition of the outstanding achievements of our students. Honorees are announced at various times throughout the fall and spring semesters and are usually recognized at both the English Department's year-end student reception & awards ceremony and the College of Arts & Humanities annual Student Recognition Ceremony. Recipients are chosen by English Department faculty.

Alan W. France Memorial Writing Award

Eligibility: Students in General Education Writing Courses

Established in 2002 in honor of our esteemed colleague Al France (who taught in the English Department from 1989 until his death in 2001), this award is conferred each spring on a student in a general education writing course (WRT 120, or WRT 200s) from the past twelve months. The award recognizes the best essay exploring relationships among language, thought, and culture. Students may be nominated by an instructor, with the student's permission, or may nominate themselves. Winners receive a cash prize, a memorial beret, and recognition at the English faculty's year-end party.

Best Seminar Paper Award

Eligibility: Students in ENG 400 Seminars

Established in 2005, this award is presented each spring to the student who has written the best paper in an ENG 400 research seminar for the given academic year (including the current semester and the previous fall, summer, and spring semesters). Individual faculty members nominate students from their own seminars, and the winner receives a cash prize.

EAPSU Outstanding English Major Award

Eligibility: All English Majors

The EAPSU award is given each spring to an English major who has an outstanding GPA, has participated in English-related extracurricular activities, and has authored a distinguished essay in an English course. Four nominees with the highest GPAs and 80-110 credits are identified by faculty and asked to submit one "A" paper of significant intellectual or artistic merit, along with a submission form and a list of activities. The winner then presents the paper at the annual EAPSU conference the following fall, and receives a cash prize, a plaque, and reimbursement for the cost of attending the conference.

English Department Faculty Scholarship

Eligibility: Incoming English Majors

This scholarship, funded by the English faculty, is awarded each spring to a declared English major who will be entering WCU the following fall, either as a first-year or transfer student. Nominees with outstanding GPAs and SAT/ACT scores are identified by the faculty and invited to submit a five-page, non-fiction writing sample. Scholarship funds are divided over the two semesters of the winner's first year at WCU. To retain the prize for the second semester, the recipient must attain a GPA of 3.0 in the first semester and must remain an English major and maintain full-time status in both terms.

Herbert Mitchell Scholarship

Eligibility: Incoming English Majors

Established in 2014 after a landmark gift to the university by WCU alumni Herbert and Gloria (Hedley) Mitchell, this scholarship is awarded each spring to two incoming English majors who show exceptional scholastic achievement and community involvement. Nominees with outstanding GPAs and SAT/ACT scores are identified by English faculty and asked to submit statements detailing their accomplishments and future goals. Winners receive scholarship funds of \$2,500 annually for four years. In order to retain the scholarship, the recipient must remain an English major, attend classes full-time, and maintain a GPA of at least 3.6 in the major and 3.4 overall.

John Feely Hopkins Short Story Award

Eligibility: Graduating Senior Creative Writing Students

Instituted in 2002, this award is presented each spring to a graduating senior whose portfolio of short stories exhibits imagination, artistic merit, high literary quality, and growth in content and commitment, as determined by members of the English Department's Creative Writing faculty. The winner receives a cash prize.

Viola Marple Scholarship

Eligibility: Non-Graduating Female English Majors

This scholarship, established in memory of former English faculty member Viola Marple, honors two non-graduating female English majors who exemplify the highest standards in scholarly achievement and service, as determined by the English Department faculty. Requirements include a minimum GPA of 3.51 and 61-90 credit hours earned. Nominees who meet these qualifications are asked to submit a brief statement, and the two winners are determined by an English faculty vote. Winners are named each spring, and scholarship funds are disbursed evenly over the following fall and spring semesters. The award is co-administered by the WCU Alumni Association.

CAH Outstanding Student Award

Eligibility: Graduating Seniors Majoring in any CAH Discipline

This award is given each spring to a graduating senior who is majoring in a College of Arts & Humanities (CAH) discipline and who demonstrates exceptional intellectual or creative achievement and strong extracurricular and service activities. Students must be nominated by a CAH faculty member and hold a minimum GPA of 3.5; nominees submit an application and two faculty letters of recommendation. Nomination and application deadlines are usually announced by the CAH dean's office early in the spring semester and typically fall in late February or early March. (Note: although this award is administered by CAH—and not the English Department—we list it here in order to make English students and faculty aware of this opportunity. English majors are well represented in the ranks of past CAH (CAS) OSA winners.) For complete information, please visit the CAH website.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AFFILIATIONS



The organizations and programs listed below all bear strong ties to the English Department. Many are directed—or were founded—by English Department faculty; others operate under the aegis of English or benefit from especially strong participation by English faculty and students. In all cases, these affiliations promote values central to English Studies, enrich the learning experiences of our students, and contribute to the cultural life of the university and the larger community. To read more about each, please go to the Affiliations page on the English Department Home page.

English Alumni

The English Alumni page keeps our graduates informed of exciting developments in the English Department; helps them stay in touch with former classmates and faculty; and fosters networking opportunities between current majors and alumni.

Contact: Prof. Ilknur Sancak-Marusa.

WCU Poetry Center

The WCU Poetry Center promotes the study and appreciation of poetry, particularly traditional poetic forms. Founded in 2000, the Center offers a diverse slate of activities and programs—including a prestigious annual Poetry Conference—that helps to expand its mission of bringing poetry to an ever-widening audience.

Get involved!

Extracurricular activities related to English help you build your skills – and your resume!

A full list of WCU clubs is here:
<http://wcu.orgsync.com/Organizations>

College Literature: A Journal of Critical Literary Studies

College Literature has long been one of the premier literary-studies journals in North America, publishing original and innovative scholarly research. Founded in 1974, the journal has its editorial offices at WCU. Editor: Dr. Carolyn Sorisio.

University Writing Center

The University Writing Center offers free writing consultation services to all members of the WCU community. The Center is directed by English faculty and regularly employs English majors and graduate students as writing tutors. Director: Dr. Margaret Ervin.

Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project

The Pennsylvania Writing & Literature Project (PAWLP) is one of the oldest and largest sites of the National Writing Project. Founded in 1980, PAWLP works in multi-dimensional ways to improve the teaching of writing and literature in schools and communities. Director: Dr. Mary Buckelew.

Frederick Douglass Institute

WCU's Frederick Douglass Institute seeks to advance multicultural studies across the university curriculum and sponsors research, programs, awards, and teaching that honor the legacy of Frederick Douglass. The Institute was founded in 1995 by Emeritus Professor of English Dr. C. James Trotman. Contact: Dr. Chris Awuyah.

Digital Humanities

English Department faculty are currently in the process of developing a Digital Humanities curriculum that includes new courses, events, and programs designed to introduce students to this important new frontier in humanistic studies.

N/T/G Research Group

The National/Transnational/Global Cultures Research Group is a forum for faculty and graduate students who share research interests in the global dimensions of literary and cultural studies.

West Chester Center for Book History

The West Chester Center for Book History, founded by English professor Eleanor Shevlin, sponsors courses, workshops, talks, seminars, book-making, and a graduate certificate in publishing, all as part of an effort to provide a multidimensional, interdisciplinary forum for the history and study of the written word.

Women's and Gender Studies Program

WCU's Women's and Gender Studies Program shares with the English Department a commitment to empowering students to challenge preconceptions about race, class, gender, and sexual orientation. English professors have served as past WGS program directors, and many teach for the program as affiliated faculty.

Youth Empowerment and Urban Studies (YES) Program

Created by English professor Dr. Hannah Ashley, the interdisciplinary YES Minor offers students across campus the opportunity to work with youth in urban settings in hands-on, community-engaged ways that can help to bring about real social change.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGLISH MAJORS



The English Department recognizes that most graduates will be concerned with finding employment relevant to their course of study and personal interests. Advisors can help students make decisions in this area. The English Majors' Forum on D2L offers information on the wide range of careers available to English majors, advice on resumé writing, sample interview questions, applying to graduate school, teaching abroad, and more. Click on the "Career and Graduate Info" toolbar.

Students should take advantage of the Career Development Center and its services as soon as they begin attending at WCU. The Career Center can assist students with creating career goals – waiting until Senior year may be too late. The University's Twardowski Career Development Center at Lawrence Center 225 provides career counseling and helps students initiate job searches. <http://www.wcupa.edu/services/stu.car/>.

Every Spring semester the Department hosts an annual "What Can't You Do with an English Degree?" panel in which three or four alumni/alumnae return to campus to relate how their WCU English degree has helped them succeed professionally; a speed-networking event in which students have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with alumni follows the panel discussion. Over the years, many of these panels have been taped and are available for viewing. For more information, contact Dr. Eleanor Shevlin, Main 541, eshevlin@wcupa.edu.

Careers for Graduates with B.A. in English

Graduates with a B.A. in English are qualified for graduate studies in literature and related fields of interest: linguistics, law, communications, journalism, film, and many other humanistic disciplines. With experience and additional education, graduates may teach in colleges and universities. With certification, they may also teach in secondary schools. Careers in journalism, publishing, editing, public relations, advertising, marketing, government, television, radio, technical writing, and business administration are options for English majors.

Think about these possibilities:

Admissions Counselor	Literacy Instructor	Writer Travel
Advertising	Literary Agent	Agent
Archivist	Lobbyist	Underwriter
Attorney	Marketing Representative	Web Writer
Banking	Media Planner	
Business	Medical Writer	
Admin/Consulting	Multi-Media Designer	
Community Services	Paralegal	
Director	Production Coordinator	
Not-for-Profit	Program Developer	
Organizations	Proofreader	
Creative Director	Proposal/Grant Writer	
Editor	Public Affairs Officer	
Freelance Writer	Public Relations	
Government Worker	Specialist	
Insurance	Researcher/Research	
Representative	Sales Representative	
Journalist	Speech Writer	
Librarian	Technical	

For more ideas and trends for various fields, see US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh>.

Want to go to graduate school for an M.A. or Ph.D. in English, Education, TESL, Marketing, Management or other fields?

To pursue graduate studies, you need to take the GRE (Graduate Record Examination) for programs in English and related fields. If you plan to apply to graduate school within five years after graduation, you should probably take the GRE at the conclusion of your senior year. Other programs (such as MBAs) require other exams. Ask your advisor, and see <http://www.gre.org/splash.html>. Please also look for special workshops the department offers, typically in the fall, on planning to attend graduate school. If you're interested in Teaching English as a Second Language, please speak with the Director of WCU's MA- TESOL program, Dr. Esther (Chui Kian) Smidt, Mitchell 230, csmidt@wcupa.edu.

Want to go to law school?

To apply to law school, you need to take the LSAT (Law School Aptitude Test). If you plan to attend law school, you should take the LSAT during your senior year. Ask your advisor, and see <http://www.lsac.org/>. Also consult with the University Pre-Law advisor: Dr. Sandra Tomkowicz, BPM 484, stomkowicz@wcupa.edu.

Interested in earning a certificate or graduate degree in publishing or editing?

As of Fall 2015, the English department is offering a Graduate Certificate Program in Publishing. <http://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/English/gradAcademics.aspx>.
Contact: Dr. Eleanor F. Shevlin, Main 541, eshevlin@wcupa.edu.

Thinking about becoming a librarian?

The American Library Association maintains this site that discusses the qualifications for and opportunities in library science: <http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/careers/librarycareerssite/home>.

Career Information for B.S.Ed. Majors



With an Instructional I Certificate (temporary), a graduate with a B.S. in Education is qualified to teach English in any secondary school in Pennsylvania. Numerous states have reciprocal agreements with Pennsylvania, so that a graduate may teach in any of them as well. Graduates should contact the State Board of Education in the state in which they would like to teach (if not PA) to learn about the specific certification requirements of that state. State certification requirements will vary; additional tests or college courses may be required. With experience and additional education, a graduate may qualify for college and university teaching. With additional training, a graduate may become a reading specialist, a teacher of special education, a teacher of English as a second language, an English supervisor, a curriculum coordinator, a guidance counselor, or a school administrator.

PREPARING FOR GRADUATION



At least a year before you anticipate graduating, follow these steps:

1. Meet with your **major and minor advisors** at least a year prior to your anticipated graduation date to review unmet requirements. Your advisor can also look at general education requirements, but are best reviewed by the Registrar.
2. Count your credits! WCU cannot grant any degree without a **minimum of 120 credits**. (And just because you have 120 credits does not mean that you earn a degree; you also must satisfy the degree's course requirements.) The English's Department's B.A. degree is a 120-credit program. Because of accreditation requirements, our B.S.Ed. program requires 123 credits.
3. Visit your *MyWCU* page and click on "Apply for Graduation" to apply for graduation analysis (see the pages that follow for instructions). This triggers a request to the Registrar (as well as putting you on the department's list of prospective graduates at the end of your anticipated graduation semester). **You should apply a year before you anticipate graduation (see English Majors' Forum for deadlines)**. This will permit you to make adjustments to your course selections in your final semesters that will prevent any delay in your graduation date.
4. The Registrar's Office will provide an evaluation of your general education requirements. After several weeks to a few months (depending on urgency and time of semester), the Registrar's Office will send you an email **at your WCU email address only**, with your evaluation report attached. You will be asked to come to the Registrar's office and review the evaluation with the designated Registrar staff member (determined by Major/College). Specific days/times are identified. **You must check your WCU email account to learn of your graduation status!**
5. Consult with any minor advisors the first week of your last semester to verify that you will complete all requirements of minor programs.
6. **Meet with your advisor first week of your last semester** so that you can check requirements one more time, when you still have time to adjust your schedule during the Drop/Add period.

Graduation clearances for your major are done in the last week of classes. If there is a problem with unmet major requirements, this is when you will learn about them officially. That is why regular meetings with your advisor plus familiarity with this manual and your advising sheets are essential!

How NOT to graduate!

The three most common problems:

1. You do not have **120 credits**. Common reasons: You can't count remedial classes or repeats. Using one class to meet two requirements leaves you 3 credits short. You took a 2-credit class instead of a 3-credit class. You didn't transfer in all of your transfer classes.
2. You have not completed the minor/concentration/department electives section of your B.A. English advising sheet.
3. You expected an Interdisciplinary class to count for one of your Gen Ed distributive classes (it can't).

Please do not expect either the Registrar or the department to process your graduation request a couple of weeks before you intend to graduate.

Apply at least a year ahead of when you plan to graduate.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



This information is primarily for those intending to go to graduate school; however, the general advice also applies to those seeking letters of recommendation for jobs and scholarships.

For most graduate school applications, you will need to include three letters of recommendation from individuals who can address your abilities, suitability, and promise for graduate study. For law, library/information sciences, and other professional school applications, having a recommender who is a professional in the field would work well. For applications to English or similar academic programs, you will probably want to have three letters from academics/faculty members in the field. In selecting faculty members to approach for a letter, you should consider who knows you and your work best. Those who know you well and have ties with a particular university or program to which you are seeking admission are particularly good to approach – as are those who are well-known in the field you wish to enter.

When asking someone to write on your behalf, be sure to phrase your request in a way that allows the person a gracious way to decline. For instance, a professor may not feel that he or she could write the strong letter you need to gain admission. Also, be sure to plan in advance. You should give your recommenders three week or more lead time before the letter is due.

As part of your planning, you should prepare a packet for your recommenders. This packet ideally should include:

- A list of programs to which you are applying – and the deadlines for the receipt of materials at each school.
- Any forms that should be included with the letter. Complete all portions of the form that ask for your personal information. **Be sure to check the box that waives your right to see the letter.** If you do not waive your rights to see the material, the letter will hold less weight.
- A draft of your personal statement or essay that you are sending with your application.
- A copy of your resumé.
- A statement in which you offer a brief summary of the work you completed for the course(s) you took with the recommender and the grades you earned. Such information will jog the recommender's memory and allow the person to add specific details that will enhance the letter. Feel free to include any information (course-related or otherwise) that you feel would help the recommender highlight your talents for graduate school, your maturity, and/or your reasons for selecting particular programs.
- URLs for the recommendation submission websites and any relevant instructions.

LITERATURES TRACK COURSE LIST

See the correct advising sheet for your program to know how many classes you should take from each category.

(E) = Early historical period

(I) = Interdisciplinary class

(J) = Diverse communities class

Genre

Courses in this category examine diverse forms of literary expression including: poetry, fiction, drama, memoir and autobiography, children's literature, film, creative non-fiction, letters, and reviews. Each course focuses exclusively on a specific genre.

CLS 201 Classical Greco Roman Myth in 20 th Century Arts (I)	LIT 305 Modern American Drama
CLS 304 Women and Film	LIT 306 Modern American Novel
CLS 361 Modern World Drama	LIT 307 Modern American Poetry
CLS 362 World Lit - Modern Fiction	LIT 310 African American Novel I
CLS 367 Classical Greco-Roman Mythology (E)	LIT 311 African American Novel II
CLS 371 Law and Disorder in Literature (I)	LIT 332 English Drama to 1642 (E)
LIT 219 Lit for Young Children	LIT 338 Restoration and 18 th Century Drama (E)
LIT 220 Children's Literature	LIT 339 18 th -Century British Novel (E)
LIT 269 Literature of Roguery	LIT 341 19 th -Century British Novel
LIT 271 Drama since 1970	LIT 344 Modern British Novel
LIT 272 New Fiction	LIT 360 Special Topics: Children's & Young Adult Literature
LIT 274 Feminist Poetry	LIT 365 Short Fiction
LIT 294 Topics in Digital Literature & Culture	LIT 398 Young Adult Literature*
LIT 302 Development of the American Novel	

*B.S.Ed. students: Note that LIT 398 does not meet a Genre requirement.

Literatures Track Course List

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U.S. Multi-Ethnic and World Literatures

Courses in this category examine global, continental, and diverse United States writing communities. **B.S.Ed. students please note** that this list is *not* the same as the “World literature” category you must fulfill – see back of manual for list. Only the two classes noted below fulfill that requirement.

CLS 203 African Studies (E) (J) **World Lit BSEd**
CLS 255 20th Century Native American
Literature
CLS 333 Latina Writing (J)
CLS 351 African Literature **World Lit BSEd**
CLS 365 African American Film
LIT 202 African American Lit I (E)
LIT 203 African American Lit II
LIT 204 New Black Women Writers in
America

LIT 205 Harlem Renaissance
LIT 207 Life & Times of Frederick Douglass (E)
LIT 213 Asian-American Literature (J)
LIT 297 Themes in Contemporary Literature*
LIT 303 Intro to Multi-Ethnic American
Literature (J)
LIT 304 American Jewish Novel
LIT 309 Thoughts/Writings of Martin Luther
King (I)
LIT 372 African American Urban Lit

*Depends on theme

Historical Contexts

Courses in this category address literary works and their cultural and historical contexts.

CLS 258 Women’s Lit I (E) (J)
CLS 259 Women’s Lit II (J)
CLS 260 World Lit I (E) (J)
CLS 261 World Lit II
CLS 270 Life, Death, Disease (I)
CLS 280 Languages of Modernism (I)
CLS 368 Greco-Roman Culture Myth and
Society (E) (I)
CLS 369 Literature and Film
FLM 201 American Film (NOT FLM200!)
FLM 202 American Themes (NOT FLM200!)
LIT 200 American Lit I (E)
LIT 201 American Lit II
LIT 202 African American Lit I (E)
LIT 203 African American Lit II
LIT 230 English Lit I (E)

LIT 231 English Lit II
LIT 250 Victorian Attitudes (I)
LIT 300 Colonial and Revolutionary Lit (E)
LIT 329 Medieval Women’s Culture (E) (I)
LIT 331 Chaucer (E)
LIT 333 Early Modern Poetry (E)
LIT 334 Milton (E)
LIT 335 Shakespeare I (E)
LIT 336 Shakespeare II (E)
LIT 337 Literature of the Enlightenment (E)
LIT 340 The Romantic Movement
LIT 342 Victorian Literature
LIT 364 Modern Irish Literature
LIT 370 Urbanism and the Modern
Imagination (I)

WRITINGS TRACK COURSE LIST

See the correct advising sheet for your program to know how many classes you should take from each category.

(I) = Interdisciplinary class

(J) = Diverse communities class

Style & Aesthetics

Courses in this area help students comprehend, appreciate, and practice creative and critical conventions of written discourses. Courses in this category introduce students to a specific set of creative and critical genres and provide opportunities to practice, analyze and reflect upon a variety of stylistic and rhetorical conventions.

CRW 201 Introduction to Creative Writing	ENG 304 Essay Workshop
CRW 301 Poetry Workshop I	ENG 305 Environmental/Experiential Writing: Taking Action
CRW 302 Poetry Workshop II	ENG 345 Women Writing: Autobiography
CRW 303 Short Story Workshop I	ENG 368 Business & Organizational Writing
CRW 304 Short Story Workshop II	JRN 272 Feature Writing
CRW 305 Creative Nonfiction Workshop I	JRN 312 Sports Reporting & Writing
CRW 306 Creative Nonfiction Workshop II	JRN 315 Magazine Article Writing
CRW 491 Creative Writing Workshop in Long Form	WRH 330 Autobiographical Acts
ENG 250 The Language of Literature	WRH 333 African American Autobiography
ENG 270 Book History: Introduction	WRH 342 Document Design

Power & Politics

Courses in this area help students develop a respect for diversity in language (dialects, idioms, culturally meaningful expressions, etc.), and understanding of the roles that texts play in shaping society (culturally and politically). These courses provide opportunities for students to become participants in larger cultural contexts through the texts they write, read, teach, and discuss.

ENG/LIN 240 Language, Gender, & Sexuality	WRH 301 The Rhetorics of Black America
ENG 335 History of the English Language	WRH 310 Written Rhetoric: Power, Politics, and Environmental Writing
ENG 339 History & Dialects of American English	WRH 315 Propaganda, Power, & Politics
ENG 340 Sociolinguistic Aspects of English	WRH 320 I, Cyborg: Technology, Writing, and the Body
ENG 375 Strategies for Writing in the Workplace	WRH 333 African-American Autobiography
ENG 397 Writing Tutoring	WRH 335 Activism and Advocacy Writing
JRN 200 Communications Media	WRH 340 Introduction to Visual Rhetoric
JRN 225 News Writing	
WRH 201 Introduction to Rhetoric	
WRH 210 Multicultural Writing (J)	

Writings Track Course List

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Information Literacy, Technology, & Media

Courses in this area introduce students to new technologies that have influenced the production and circulation of texts and information in society, including (but not limited to): internet publishing, web design, underground publishing, visual texts, television and film, etc. These courses will emphasize becoming knowledgeable and reflective users and teachers of these new “texts,” as well as being creative and critical writers of them.

CLS 350 Computer Applications in the
Humanities

DHM/ENG 280 Intro to Digital
Humanities

ENG 215 Views on Literacy

ENG 320 Writing and Computers

ENG 371 Technical Writing

JRN 335 Ethical Issues in Mass Media

FLM 200 Introduction to Film*
(NOT FLM 201 or 202)

WRH 205 Composing Cyberspace

WRH 305 Images of School in Film

WRH 325 Technology and the English
Classroom (SPRING ONLY)

WRH 341 Visual Cultures

* also meets Arts distributive requirement

**LITERATURE CATEGORIES (AMERICAN, BRITISH, WORLD)
FOR B.S.ED./POST-BAC STUDENTS ONLY**

All Teacher Education students must take at least one course from each category below as they complete their tracks. This requirement overlays the track requirement, so you should choose your track courses with these requirements in mind. If you choose track courses carefully, you will not have to take three more classes to fulfill your American, British, and World literature requirement. This requirement exists to help prepare you for your Praxis II exams, which require familiarity with all three literature categories. Film classes are not included, because the Praxis II does not test film knowledge.

American:

CLS 255 20th Century Native American Literature	LIT 213 Asian-American Lit (J)
CLS 333 Latina Writing (J)	LIT 297 Themes in Contemporary Literature
LIT 200 American Lit I (E)	LIT 300 Colonial & Revolutionary Lit (E)
LIT 201 American Lit II	LIT 302 Development of the American Novel
LIT 202 African American Lit I (E)	LIT 303 Introduction to Multi-Ethnic American Literature
LIT 203 African American Lit II	LIT 304 American Jewish Novel
LIT 204 New Black Women Writers in America	LIT 305 Modern American Drama
LIT 205 Harlem Renaissance	LIT 306 Modern American Novel
LIT 207 Life and Times of Frederick Douglass (E)	LIT 307 Modern American Poetry
	LIT 310 African American Novel I
	LIT 311 African American Novel II
	LIT 372 African American Urban Lit

British:

LIT 230 English Lit I (E)	LIT 337 Literature of the Enlightenment (E)
LIT 231 English Lit II	LIT 338 Restoration & 18 th -Cent. Drama (E)
LIT 250 Victorian Attitudes	LIT 339 18 th -Century British Novel
LIT 331 Chaucer (E)	LIT 340 The Romantic Movement
LIT 332 English Drama to 1642 (E)	LIT 341 19 th -Century British Novel
LIT 333 Early Modern Poetry (E)	LIT 342 Victorian Literature
LIT 334 Milton (E)	LIT 344 Modern British Novel
LIT 335 Shakespeare I (E)	LIT 364 Modern Irish Literature
LIT 336 Shakespeare II (E)	

World:

Note: This list is **NOT** the same as the "U.S. Multi-Ethnic & World" list for the Literatures track

CLS 201 Classical Greco Roman Myth in 20 th Century Arts	CLS 261 World Lit II
CLS 203 African Studies (E)	CLS 351 African Literature
CLS 258 Women's Lit I (E)	CLS 361 Modern World Drama
CLS 259 Women's Lit II	CLS 362 World Lit – Modern Fiction
CLS 260 World Lit (E)	CLS 367 Classical Greco-Roman Mythology (E)
	CLS 368 Greco-Roman Culture Myth and Society (E)

APPROVED GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTIVE COURSES

Students must choose distributive general education courses from the approved list, found in the WCU undergraduate catalog:

<http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>

WCU will continue to accept past transfer credits for courses other than those identified as "approved" general education courses, if the course equivalent has the same prefix as those in the sciences, behavioral and social sciences, humanities, or arts categories, including those assigned the 199 course number.

Two courses from 2 different areas in:

- **Sciences**
- **Behavioral and Social Sciences**
- **Humanities**

Note: English Majors **cannot** use a Literature course (CLS or LIT) to meet a distributive requirement.

One course in:

- **The Arts**

Note: FLM 200 can count as an Arts and a Writings track course!

**ANSWERS TO:
TAKE YOUR ADVISING QUIZ!**



Test your knowledge of how well you know your program by taking the quiz below that asks you about general education and the one that corresponds to your major.

General Education & General Advising

1. Who is the primary steward of a student's academic career? What is the role of an English department advisor?

Of course, *you* are the primary steward of your own degree program and progression through it. You are in charge of making sure you know your degree requirements, reading your majors' manual and perusing D2L's English Majors Forum, meeting with your advisor so that you can schedule classes on time, etc. Advisors only "advise": they give advice about what classes to take, minor program possibilities, special programs like internships and study abroad, support services like counseling, and career options.

2. Why can't an interdisciplinary class count as one of your gen ed distributive area classes?

The distributive classes are housed in one discipline. Interdisciplinary classes combine at least three disciplines. Thus, an interdisciplinary class is a different type of class than a gen ed distributive class; it is designed to emphasize the *interconnections* of disciplines.

BIO 100 (gen ed distributive) = general intro to biology, but BIO 102 (interdisciplinary) = Humans & the Environment, a course designed to show the connections between biology, chemistry, public health, and politics. So you cannot use BIO 102 to serve as your BIO distributive gen ed class.

An interdisciplinary class may serve as one of you major (*not* gen ed) requirements, because the disciplinary/interdisciplinary conflict does not arise in that case.

3. Does a creative writing seminar count as ENG 400, the research seminar?

No other classes count as ENG 400 – not even if they may have "seminar" in the title. ENG 400s are specially designed and approved to meet certain specifications required by the English dept. and external accrediting agencies. To satisfy your ENG 400 research seminar requirements, you must take ENG 400s only.

4. What should you do if you want to take classes at another college and have them count at WCU?

1. Check the Registrar's Transfer Credit Center to make sure the course you want to take transfers in a class you need for your WCU degree (using the Transfer Equivalencies page - <https://www.wcupa.edu/registrar/transferCredit.aspx>)
2. Fill out the proper form for taking a class at another institution (on Registrar's Forms page).
3. Take the class, and pass with a minimum of a "C" grade.
4. Make sure you have the college send an official transcript to WCU's Registrar's office to get it on your WCU record.
5. Check your record to make sure it's there.

5. When should you apply for graduation? What happens when you apply for graduation?
You should apply for graduation **at least one year** before you plan to graduate, for example, Fall 2017 if you plan to graduate Fall 2018.

The Registrar contacts you via your WCU email address to tell you about the status of your gen ed requirements and invites you to meet with someone in the office if you want to go over your gen ed record. (Gen eds and other university policies related to graduation are administered by the Registrar; anything to do with your major requirements is overseen by your major department.) You then receive all information relating to graduation (cap & gown, etc.), and your name appears on the departmental list for graduation clearance.

6. What is the minimum number of credits needed to graduate, by state mandate?
120. **No** exceptions.
7. If you want to declare a minor, what should you do?
Discuss it with your advisor. Apply from your *myWCU* page, using the link *Change Academic Plan Request*. Make sure you know your minor requirements; contact Mary Clark, Program Coordinator, if you are applying for an English minor, or the Academic Coordinator for the college your minor is housed.
8. How many courses can you “double-dip” between an English major and an English minor? (I.e., how many classes can you use to satisfy the requirements of both programs?)
Three, but you need to replace those courses with other English courses.

B.A. English (Writings & Literatures)

1. What is the difference between a minor and a concentration?
A minor is a formal part of a degree that appears on your transcript. It is overseen by the department that offers it. A concentration is a special arrangement offered by the English Department. It is one of the options for the 18-credit (6 class) section of your program. It allows you to “build your own” specialized set of classes to concentrate on a topic that is not represented in WCU’s formal minors – environmental sustainability, for example, or Asian studies. You must set it up in consultation with your advisor, and your advisor must put a note about it on your advising record (you should be able to see it on your DPR). A concentration will not appear on your transcript.
2. How many crossover courses are required for the BA in either track?
Two, from the list of track courses in the handbook. For Literature crossover courses, FLM courses will not be accepted.
3. What level of foreign language must you achieve?
202. You can get there by placing out, by starting at 101, or by any combination of the two.

B.S.Ed. English (Writings & Literatures)

1. What criteria do you need in order to apply for FATE? Under what circumstances can you apply for “FATE delay”?

A GPA of at least 2.8, 48 college credits, 1 writing, 1 literature, and 2 math courses, successful completion of 3 Basic Skills tests and of the Test of Writing Competency – plus submittal of the required paperwork, including the FATE application, the FATE II form, and completed Advising Sheets.
2. What is the field experience class sequence?

Level 1 - EDP 250 (clearances required)
Level 2 - EDA 304 (clearances required)
Level 3 - EDS 306 or EDS 505 (clearances & FATE required)
Level 3 - ENG 390 and 392 (clearances & FATE required)
Level 4 - EDS 411/412 (clearances & FATE required)
3. What is the difference between the “U.S. Multi-Ethnic & World” category and the “World Literature” category in the handbook? How many courses are on both lists?

“U.S. Multi-Ethnic & World” is a track category that has nothing to do with the B.S.Ed. program – all English majors in the literatures track take courses in this category. The “World Literature” category is one required of the B.S.Ed. program, to prepare for Praxis II, in which you are expected to know a bit about world literatures. Most of the track category does not fit into this B.S.Ed. list because it is solely American. That is why there are only **two** courses from the track category of “U.S. Multi-Ethnic & World” that also appear in the “World Literature” B.S.Ed. list.
4. How many semesters should you set aside for taking the following methods courses: EDS 306, ENG 390, ENG 392, EDS 411, & EDS 412?

Four: (1) EDS 306, (2) ENG 390 OR ENG 392, (3) ENG 390 OR ENG 392 (the other one), (4) EDS 411/412.
We strongly advise but do not prohibit students from taking ENG 390 & ENG 392 in the same semester. Most students find the number of field hours required by both causes them schedule strain.
5. When should you submit your Teacher Ed writing portfolio?

Two semesters before student teaching (one year), just in case you don’t pass it the first time. It gives you time to resubmit a revised portfolio. See the section on the Writing portfolio in this handbook for details.