

Bachelors of Arts in English

Summary of Requirements

ENGLISH MAJOR

42 credits

For an English major, students will complete the **7 Core courses (21 credits)**, plus **7 ENGL, literature, or related electives¹ (21 credits)**. Of the 14 total courses, at least 7 courses must be at the 300/400 level. Students may elect to use the 7 ENGL, literature, or related electives to complete a Concentration.²

Core	21 credits
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ENGL 203 (Introduction to Literary Analysis: Criticism & Theory)	03
Literature Surveys	09
ENGL 210 or 211, ENGL 212 or 213, and ENGL 214 or 215	
African-American Literature	03
ENGL 311, 320, or 410 ³	
Shakespeare	03
ENGL 403 or 404	
Capstone course	03
Creative Writing Concentration: ENGL 447	
All Others: ENGL 495	

Concentrations

African-American/Africana Literature	21 credits
ENGL 312 African-American Nonfiction	03
ENGL 320 Harlem Renaissance	03
ENGL 411 Readings in African Literature and Culture	03
ENGL 412 Caribbean Literature	03
ENGL 413 Special Topics in Africana Literature	03
African-American/Africana Literature Electives ⁴	06
Literatures of the World⁵	21 credits
Ancestral Literature and its Successors ⁶	03
British or American Literature ⁷	03

¹ “Related electives” are specified in the Concentrations.

² One course can fulfill a Core requirement or a Concentration requirement, but not both. For instance, ENGL 403 (Shakespeare 1) can satisfy **either** the Core Shakespeare requirement **or** the Literatures of the World Concentration British or American literature requirement. However, one course can fulfill one requirement in more than one Concentration. For instance, ENGL 352 (English Structure) would satisfy the ENGL Writing/Linguistics Courses requirement in the Professional Writing Concentration and the ENGL Linguistics requirement in the Linguistics Concentration for a student completing both the Linguistics and the Professional Writing Concentrations.

³ Students wishing to complete the African-American/Africana Concentration must choose from ENGL 311 or ENGL 410 to satisfy their Core African-American Literature requirement.

⁴ Two classes from ENGL 311, ENGL 315, ENGL 364, ENGL 410, or ENGL 414. Must not duplicate course taken in Core.

⁵ At least two of the five literature courses in the Literatures of the World Concentration must be in literature prior to 1700 AD.

⁶ One class from ENGL 321, ENGL 322, ENGL 323, ENGL 325, or ENGL 326.

⁷ One class from ENGL 210, ENGL 211, ENGL 301, ENGL 302, ENGL 303, ENGL 304, ENGL 306, ENGL 324, ENGL 401, ENGL 402, ENGL 403, ENGL 404, ENGL 405, ENGL 212, ENGL 213, ENGL 307, ENGL 308, ENGL 309, ENGL 406, ENGL 407, or ENGL 408.

Literature and Culture, Gender, or the Environment ⁸	03
Literature Electives (300/400 level courses)	06
English Electives	06

Creative Writing 21 credits

Introduction to Creative Writing	03
Creative Writing Electives (300 level)	09
English Electives	09

Professional Writing 21 credits

ENGL Writing/Linguistics Courses	15 credits
ENGL 341, 342, 352, 347, and 441	
Professional Writing Elective ⁹	03
English Elective	03

Linguistics 21 credits

ENGL Linguistics	15
ENGL 351, 352, 353, 422 and 451	
Interdisciplinary Linguistics Elective	03
SPEE 210, PHIL 220, SPAN 312, or PSYC 421	
English Elective	03

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS 12 credits

Language (213)	03
Speech/Drama/Music/Art	06
History/Philosophy	03

GENERAL EDUCATION 33 credits (9 covered by major courses)

English (ENGL 110 and ENGL 111)	6
Math	6
History	3
Social Science	3
Science	4
Health & Wellness	2
Literature (from major courses)	(3)
Humanities (from major courses)	(3)
Global Studies (language 213)	(3)

ELECTIVES 42 credits

With 42 credits of Unrestricted Electives, the VSU English major allows for extensive exploration in areas of interest to the student. Students are encouraged to investigate the possibility of pursuing a double major, and strongly encouraged to complete a minor.

TOTAL 120 credits

⁸ One class from SPAN 300, SPAN 301, SPAN 315, SPAN 316, SPAN 410, SPAN 412, SPAN 413, FREN 300, FREN 301, FREN 410, FREN 411, FREN 412, GERM 300, GERM 301, ENGL 214, ENGL 215, ENGL 312, ENGL 327, ENGL 331, ENGL 332, ENGL 333, ENGL 334, ENGL 335, ENGL 336, ENGL 411, ENGL 412, ENGL 413, or ENGL 414.

⁹ One class from GEEN 310, ENGL 346, ENGL 351, ENGL 421, or ENED 431.