PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The English Literature program will designed to develop a student’s ability to read literature responsibly and imaginatively, to foster an understanding and appreciation of our literary inheritance and to provide the historical perspective from which to evaluate contemporary writing. Careful study of the use of the English language also should help a student to resist the misuse and corruption of language in politics, the media and elsewhere. Students who complete the program in English are expected to have mastered the ability to express their ideas in clear and succinct prose. They find employment in fields in which the sophisticated use of language is necessary for advancement. Many graduates go on to postgraduate study, not only in writing, film studies and literature, but to schools of medicine, law, education, journalism and business.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a dual-advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising
clas_advising@ucdenver.edu
Find your CLAS Advisor here
North Classroom (NC) Building 1030
303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

Maryann Hoffmann or Mike McLane
maryann.hoffmann@ucdenver.edu or michael.mclane@ucdenver.edu
Visit the department website here
Ninth Street Park, 1015 9th Street
303-315-7830

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours passed
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all college and major requirements
5. Residency: complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

Credits exceeding the following maximum hour restrictions will not be applied toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study
- 9 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

CAREER RESOURCES

In today’s job market, as job titles and responsibilities shift constantly, English majors have an advantage, because they are used to analyzing situations critically and communicating the results of their scrutiny effectively. Job choices for English majors go beyond the obvious options of teaching, graduate school, or becoming a writer, because graduates also excel in many other areas. Because English majors have learned how to write, analyze material, and communicate effectively, and are good problem solvers, they work in many different fields. Related occupations for English Writing graduates include:

- Author
- Manuscript Reader
- Researcher
- Editor
- Proofreader
- Translator
- Educator
- Publications Manager
- Technical Writer
- ESL Teacher
- Public Speaker
- Writer

Some careers and occupations require additional training or education. Interested in learning more about career and occupational options for this major? Visit the CU Denver Career Center located in the Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 267 to speak with a career counselor. The Career Center also provides Career Briefs, overviews of careers related to specific CU Denver majors, which include related links and resources to the particular field and show potential jobs related to the major. Access Career Briefs here.
# Program Requirements & Policies

Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. Students completing the English Literature B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 39 semester hours in English coursework with a grade of C- (1.7) or better in each course and have at least a 2.0 GPA overall in the major.
2. No grade below C- will be accepted toward the major requirements, nor will pass/fail grades.
3. Complete at least 27 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours.
4. A minimum of 15 upper-division semester hours in English must with CU Denver faculty.

## Courses

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## Sample Academic Plan of Study

The following academic plan is a sample pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

### Milestones

#### Year One

**Fall**
- ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I
- CU Core Mathematics
- CU Core Behavioral Science
- CU Core Arts
- General Elective

**Spring**
- ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II
- CU Core Humanities
- ENGL 2450
- CU Core Science with lab
- General Elective

#### Year Two

**Fall**
- CLAS Behavioral Science
- ENGL 3001
- CU Core Social Science
- CU Core Science without lab
- General Elective

**Spring**
- ENGL Elective
- CLAS Science with lab
- CU Core Cultural Diversity
- CLAS Humanities
- General Elective

#### Year Three

**Fall**
- ENGL Upper Division Elective
- ENGL Elective
- CU Core International Perspectives
- CLAS Foreign Language Semester I

**Spring**
- ENGL Upper-Division Elective
- CU Core International Perspectives
- CLAS Foreign Language Semester II
- CLAS Social Science

#### Year Four

**Fall**
- ENGL Upper Division Elective
- ENGL Upper-Division Elective
- General Upper-Division Elective
- General Upper-Division Elective

**Spring**
- ENGL 4999
- ENGL Upper-Division Elective
- General Upper-Division Elective
- General Upper-Division Elective

* Major Course Available  ** Prerequisite Enforced  *** Prerequisite Recommended