

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The English program is 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 and to produce it. Students who complete the program in English are expected to have mastered the ability to express their ideas in creative work. 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 shared 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](#)

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303-315-7100

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

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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
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 CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** semester hours that can apply 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/Directed Research
- 12 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the English Creative Writing B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 39 ENGL credit hours. ENGL 1010, 1020 and 2030 do not apply to the major.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 27 upper division (3000-level and above) ENGL credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C-(1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 15 ENGL upper-division (3000-level or above) credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. Internship/cooperative education courses may be counted toward the major for students who have completed over 60 credit hours.
6. Students are not to exceed 56 English credit hours (any level).
7. Double majors in English and English Writing are exempt from the 56-hour rule and must complete 63 hours total for both majors.
8. The English Department also offers a minor in, English Writing Rhetoric & Technology. Courses counted in a minor cannot be counted toward the major.
9. Latin Honors may be earned by participating in the department's Honors Program. You are encouraged to begin the program in your junior year. The program requires additional coursework and affords you the opportunity to work individually with the professor of your choice. Handouts are available in the English office.

LYNX CONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver Lynx Connect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the Lynx Connect [website](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29	CLAS Graduation Requirements
ENGL Major Requirements	39	27 semester hours must be upper-division
ENGL Required Courses		
ENGL 2450 Introduction to Literature	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 1020 (recommended)
Poetry Track Required Courses		
ENGL 3020 Poetry Workshop	3	
ENGL 3050 Fiction Workshop	3	
ENGL 4025 Advanced Poetry Workshop	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 3020
ENGL 4160 Poetics	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 2450
ENGL 4820 Senior Poetry Workshop	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 4025
Poetry Elective	3	Choose one from: ENGL 4080, 4166, 4320, or 4801
Fiction Track Required Courses		
ENGL 3020 Poetry Workshop	3	
ENGL 3050 Fiction Workshop	3	
ENGL 4055 Advanced Fiction Workshop	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 3050
ENGL 4610 Narrative: Form and Theory	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 2450
ENGL 4850 Senior Fiction Workshop	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 4055
Fiction Elective	3	Choose one from: ENGL 4200, 4220, 4230, 4236, or 4802
ENGL Major Electives See department for approved list of courses.	18	Check individual courses for prerequisites. ENGL 3001, 3106, 3416, 4800, and 4810 are strongly recommended.
Estimated General Electives	12 - 32	General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
Total Minimum Program Hours:	120	45 semester hours must be upper-division

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.

	Fall	CRS	Spring	CRS
Year One	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1010 <i>recommended</i>	3	CU Denver Core Humanities	3
	CU Denver Core Social Science / First-Year Seminar	3	ENGL 2450 ^{PR}	3
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15	16	
Year Two	CLAS Behavioral Science	3	ENGL 3050	3
	ENGL 3020	3	CLAS Biol/Phys Science with lab	4
	CU Denver Core Arts	3	CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3	CLAS Communicative Skills	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15	16	
Year Three	Poetry or Fiction Required Course	3	Poetry or Fiction Required Course	3
	ENGL Upper Division Elective	3	ENGL Upper-Division Elective	3
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3	CLAS Foreign Language Semester II	5
	CLAS Foreign Language Semester I	5	CLAS Social Science	3
	Total Credit Hours	14	14	
Year Four	Poetry or Fiction Elective	3	ENGL 4820 ^{PE} or 4850 ^{PE}	3
	ENGL Upper-Division Elective	3	ENGL Upper-Division Elective	3
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	General Upper-Division Elective	3	General Upper-Division Elective	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15	15	