

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The English Literature 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. 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 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 Literature 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 Literature, Writing, Creative Writing, and Film Studies.. 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.
10. Courses marked with an asterisk are repeatable if taken as a different genre/director/topic.

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 1601 Storytelling: Literature, Film, and Television or ENGL 2600 Literary Classics	3	
ENGL 2450 Introduction to Literature	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 1020 (recommended)
ENGL 3001 Critical Writing	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 2450
Literature Area Requirements		Check individual courses for prerequisites
American Literature <i>Courses marked with an asterisk are repeatable if taken as a different genre/director/topic.</i>	3	Choose one from: ENGL 3700, 3750, 4166, 4220, 4230, 4236, 4350, any ENGL 4001* Major Author Am. Lit. (e.g. Hawthorne, Faulkner, Cather), or any ENGL 4773* Topic in Am. Lit. (e.g. Lit. of the West, Harlem renaissance)
Pre-1650 Literature <i>Courses marked with an asterisk are repeatable if taken as a different genre/director/topic.</i>	6	Choose one from: ENGL 3661, 4500, 4510, 4520, 4730, any ENGL 4002* Major Author before 1650 (e.g. Gawain-poet), or any ENGL 4774* Topic before 1650 (e.g. Early European Witchcraft)
1650-1900 Literature <i>Courses marked with an asterisk are repeatable if taken as a different genre/director/topic.</i>	6	Choose one from: ENGL 3700, 4200, 4300, 4530, 4560, 4580, any ENGL 4003* Major Author between 1650-1900 (e.g. Austen, Shelley, Dickens), or any ENGL 4775* Topic between 1650-1900 (e.g. Gothic, Restoration)
Modern Literature and Culture	9	Choose three from: ENGL 3480, 3750, 4220, 4250, 4460, or 4600
ENGL Major Electives	6	Complete two ENGL courses not taken previously.
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.

Year	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 Arts	3
	CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3	ENGL 2450 ^{PR}	3
	CU Denver Core Humanities / First-Year Seminar	3	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
	ENGL 1601 or 2600	3	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	16
Year Two	CLAS Behavioral Science	3	ENGL Literature Area Upper-Division Course	3
	ENGL 3001 ^{PE}	3	CLAS Biol/Phys Science with lab	4
	CU Denver Core Social Science	3	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
	CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3	CLAS Humanities ^M	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	16
Year Three	ENGL Literature Area Upper-Division Course	3	ENGL Literature Area Upper-Division Course	3
	ENGL Elective	3	ENGL Literature Area Upper-Division Course	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3	CLAS Social Science	3
	CLAS Foreign Language Semester I	5	CLAS Foreign Language Semester II	5
	Total Credit Hours	14	Total Credit Hours	14
Year Four	ENGL Literature Area Upper Division Course	3	ENGL Literature Area Upper-Division Course	3
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	ENGL Upper-Division Elective	3	General Upper-Division Elective	3
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	Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	15