

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 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

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030

303-315-7100

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

English Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program 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 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 30 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor 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 courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
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. Double majors in English and English Writing must complete 63 hours total for both majors.
7. The English Department also offers minors in Film Studies, Literature, and English Writing, Rhetoric, and Technology. Courses counted in a minor cannot be counted toward the major.
8. 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.

LYNXCONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver LynxConnect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the LynxConnect [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		CLAS Graduation Requirements
ENGL Major Requirements	39	27 credit hours must be upper-division
ENGL Required Courses		
ENGL 2451 Introduction to Literature and Film	3	
ENGL 3020 Poetry Workshop	3	
ENGL 3050 Fiction Workshop	3	
ENGL 4025 Advanced Poetry Workshop	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 3020
ENGL 4055 Advanced Fiction Workshop	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 3050
Complete a Poetry or Fiction Track		
Fiction Track Required Courses		
ENGL 4200 Survey of the English Novel to 1900 or ENGL 4220 African-American Literature or ENGL 4230 The American Novel or ENGL 4236 The American Short Story or ENGL 4800 Special Topics in Creative Writing or ENGL 4802 Special Topics in Creative Writing: Fiction	3	*Prerequisite: Sophomore standing (for 4200, 4220, 4230 & 4236) *Prerequisite: ENGL 2156 recommended (for 4800 & 4802)
ENGL 4610 Narrative: Form and Theory	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 2450/2451
ENGL 4850 Senior Fiction Workshop	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 4055
Poetry Track Required Courses		
ENGL 4160 Poetics	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 2450/2451 recommended
ENGL 4166 History of American Poetry or ENGL 4800 Special Topics in Creative Writing or ENGL 4801 Special Topics in Creative Writing: Poetry	3	*Prerequisite: Sophomore standing (for 4166) *Prerequisite: ENGL 2156 recommended (for 4800 & 4801)
ENGL 4820 Senior Poetry Workshop	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 4025
ENGL Upper-Division Major Electives See department for approved list of courses.	15	Check individual courses for prerequisites. ENGL 3001, 3106, 3416, 4800*, 4801*, 4802*, and 4810 are strongly recommended. *Special Topics courses may be taken more than once, if the topics/titles differ.
Estimated General Electives	41 - 47	General Elective credit hours will vary. Students are highly encouraged to explore and complete additional programs including certificates, minors, double-majors, and dual-degrees. Consult with CLAS Academic Advisor.
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	30 credit 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 certificates, minors, double-majors, or dual-degrees.

Year 1 - Fall	CRS
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 1010 <i>recommended</i>	3
CU Denver Core Social Science	3
CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
General Elective / First-Year Seminar	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 1 - Spring	CRS
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
ENGL 2451	3
CU Denver Core Humanities	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16

Year 2 - Fall	CRS
ENGL 3020	3
CU Denver Core Arts – ENGL 2156 <i>recommended</i>	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 2 - Spring	CRS
ENGL 3050	3
CU Denver Core International Perspectives ^M	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Fall	CRS
Poetry or Fiction Track Required Course	3
ENGL Upper-Division Elective	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity ^M	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Spring	CRS
ENGL 4025 ^{PE} or 4055 ^{PE}	3
ENGL Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 4 - Fall	CRS
ENGL 4025 ^{PE} or 4055 ^{PE}	3
Poetry or Fiction Track Required Course	3
ENGL Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	2
Total Credit Hours	14

Year 4 - Spring	CRS
ENGL 4820 ^{PE} or 4850 ^{PE}	3
ENGL Upper-Division Elective	3
ENGL Upper-Division Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended