



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The English Writing, Rhetoric and Technology program will prepare one to think critically, read carefully, solve problems creatively, and write with clarity, grace, and power. These are exactly the qualities needed to succeed as a writer when faced with diverse writing challenges in a breadth of professional settings or in graduate school. As a writing major, one will gain the confidence to take on a variety of assignments and complete them successfully. English majors learn to synthesize information and to present their ideas and opinions skillfully. 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 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 Writing 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 Writing, Rhetoric, and Technology B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 36 ENGL credit hours. ENGL 1010, 1020 and 2030 do not apply to the major nor does CLEP or AP credit.
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 upper-division (3000-level and above) ENGL credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. Double majors in English Writing, Rhetoric, and Technology and English are required to complete 63 ENGL credit hours.
6. A maximum of 6 credit hours of Internship/cooperative education courses may be counted toward the major for students who have completed 60 or more credit hours. Internships count as upper-division electives.
7. The English Department also offers minors in Creative Writing, Film Studies, and Literature. 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.
9. Courses toward the major may not be used more than once between the Required Course Area and Electives.

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	36	<i>27 credit hours must be upper-division</i>
ENGL Required Foundations Courses		
ENGL 2060 Introduction to Writing & Digital Studies	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 1020
ENGL 2070 Grammar, Rhetoric and Style	3	*Prerequisite: ENGL 1020 recommended
ENGL 3084 Digital Writing and Storytelling	3	*Prerequisite: Junior standing; ENGL 2070 recommended
ENGL 3140 Writing and Editing with Generative Artificial Intelligence or ENGL 3405 Topics in Writing	3	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in ENGL 2060 or HIST 3260 or COMM 3081 (for 3140)
ENGL 3154 Technical Writing or ENGL 3416 Magazine Writing or ENGL 4280 Proposal and Grant Writing	3	*Prerequisite: Sophomore standing; ENGL 2070 recommended (for 3154) *Prerequisite: ENGL 2030 (for 3416) *Prerequisite: Junior standing; ENGL 3084 recommended (for 4280)
ENGL 3160 Language Theory	3	*Prerequisite: Sophomore standing; ENGL 2070 recommended
ENGL 3939 Internship	3	*Prerequisite: Junior standing *Students may complete a second ENGL 4190 course.
ENGL 4190 Advanced Topics in Writing, Rhetoric, & Linguistics	3	*Prerequisite: Junior standing, ENGL 3084 recommended
Specialization in Writing Courses Students are highly recommended to pursue one of the five certificate options for the specialization credits: Creative Nonfiction, Proposal and Grant Writing, Technical and Professional Writing, Teaching English Language Learners, and Writing and Editing with AI.	12	*See department for list of approved courses. Check individual courses for prerequisites.
Estimated General Electives	44 - 50	<i>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.</i>
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	<i>30 credit hours must be upper-division</i>



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 Behavioral Science	3
CU Denver Core Arts	3
General Elective / First-Year Seminar	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 1 - Spring	CRS
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
CU Denver Core Humanities	3
ENGL 2060 ^{PE} or ENGL 2070	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16

Year 2 - Fall	CRS
ENGL 2060 ^{PE} or ENGL 2070	3
CU Denver Core Social Science	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 3140 ^{PE} or ENGL 3405	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Fall	CRS
ENGL 3084 ^{PE}	3
Specialization in Writing Course / Elective	3
CU Denver Core International Perspectives	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Spring	CRS
ENGL 3160 ^{PE}	3
Specialization in Writing Course / Elective	3
Upper-Division General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 4 - Fall	CRS
ENGL 3939 ^{PE} or 4190 ^{PE}	3
Specialization in Writing Course / Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	2
Total Credit Hours	14

Year 4 - Spring	CRS
ENGL 4190 ^{PE}	3
ENGL 3154 ^{PE} , 3416 ^{PE} , or 4280 ^{PE}	3
Specialization in Writing Course / 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