

English Major

The English major prepares students to use their God-bestowed gift of language. At the core of English study lies the grace and power of words. Students learn how language has been employed to create literature, persuade audiences, and delight readers.

The English Discipline

Three concentrations are available to the English major: Literature, Creative Writing, and Professional Writing. A concentration in literature provides students with a foundational understanding of the world's greatest written works in courses such as Shakespeare and Literature of the United States. By graduation, students in the literature concentration demonstrate familiarity with the major schools of literary criticism, an understanding of literary genres, practical application of literary techniques and language, and a significant understanding of the links between literature and the cultural milieus that produced it. In communication courses students develop their technical and theoretical knowledge in theatre and journalism. By graduation they show their mastery of communication theory and practice for professional settings. Creative writing courses provide English majors a forum for growth of their own literary craft. By graduation they achieve competence in writing poetry, fiction, and literary nonfiction.

Why Study English at Montreat College?

Every English course merges a Biblical worldview with scholarship. Christ composed parables to communicate truth through story. In this sense he modeled literary, communicative, and creative writing study. Blending literature, creative writing and public information into a unified major is a unique feature of Montreat College. Students focus on a single concentration, yet apply courses from the other two concentrations toward their degree requirements. This cohesive approach toward literature, imaginative writing, and professional writing provides students a grasp of literary masterpieces as well as the practical application of literary craft and technical writing skills. English majors write a Senior Thesis, which caps their coursework in literary interpretation, creative writing, or professional writing.

How Can Students Get Involved?

Practicum, EN 341, gives English students the opportunity for professional employment experience, usually in the field of public information. At the Writing Center, students skillful in writing offer one-on-one consultation to their peers on writing assignments. *Q*, Montreat College's literary magazine, is an excellent way for students to develop their writing, editing, and design skills while receiving academic credit.

After Graduation

Public information and professional editing comprise a large employment field for graduates in English. Ministry, law, library science, and civil service are also fields open to English graduates. In addition, many students majoring in English at Montreat College will continue their education at the graduate level.

Requirements for a Major in English

✓ Degree Component

- ___ Completion of the General Education Core (53* credits)
IS 202 or PH 201 is required in the Gen-Ed
- ___ Completion of the General Education Competencies
- ___ Completion of an English Major Concentration (~42 credits)
- ___ Completion of a foreign language (Spanish, Greek, or other approved language) through the elementary level (6 credits or equivalent)**
- ___ Completion of the required electives to bring total up to 120 credits (~12-13 credits)
- ___ Completion of 33 credits at the 300-level or above
- ___ Completion of the Major Field Test
- ___ Completion of 120 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.0 (two terms and 32 credit hours must be completed at Montreat College)

*One English literature class from the major can count toward the Gen-Ed reading competency.

**EN 271 in the Professional Writing concentration can count toward the Gen-Ed oral competency. The pre-requisite of BS 101 is waived for English majors.

Choose from four English Concentrations:

- Literature (42 credits)
- Creative Writing (42 credits)
- Professional Writing (42 credits)
- Special Emphasis (32 credits)

Literature Concentration

The Literature Concentration allows students to learn literary interpretation by examining a wide range of literary texts. Students select courses from three broad categories: early British literature, later British literature, and United States literature. Historical, Christian, and formal modes of interpretation are stressed, in order to see the connections between classic imaginative stories and the issues of human meaning found in art, economics, history, and current events.

Requirements for a Literature Concentration (42 credits)

Literature Core (24 credits)

- EN 201 Survey of English Literature I (3)
- EN 202 Survey of English Literature II (3)
- EN 203 World Literature I (3)
- EN 301 Shakespeare (3)
- EN 321 Literature of the United States I (3)
- EN 322 Literature of the United States II (3)

- EN 402 Literary Criticism (3)
- EN 490 Bibliography for Research (1)
- EN 491 Senior Thesis (2)

Literature Required Electives (18 credits)

In addition, students must take the specified number of hours in each of the following literary periods:

Choose 6 hours from British Literature through the Eighteenth Century:

- EN 300 Middle English Literature (3)
- EN 304 Restoration & Eighteenth Cent. British Literature (3)
- EN 305 Milton (3)
- EN 319 Renaissance Literature (3)

Choose 6 hours from British Literature since the Eighteenth Century:

- EN 307 Romantic British Literature (3)
- EN 320 Contemporary Literature (3)
- EN 309 Victorian Literature (3)
- EN 324 Twentieth Century British Writers (3)

Choose 6 hours from English at the 300-level or above (may also include CM 318 and/or 341)

Creative Writing Concentration

The Creative Writing concentration at Montreat College is designed to provide students the opportunity to pursue their passion for imaginative writing of poetry, short fiction, literary non-fiction, and the novella. English Creative-Writing majors work alongside professors and peers in small, intensive workshop-style classes. In addition, Creative Writing majors are provided the opportunity to showcase their work through the College sponsored reading series and submissions to *Q*, the Montreat College literary magazine. Our future poets, essayists, and novelists—all Montreat College student writers—are encouraged to have their voices heard through participation in area writing festivals, contests, lectures, and public readings.

Requirements for a Creative Writing Concentration (42 credits)

Creative Writing Core (18 credits)

- EN 201 Survey of English Literature I (3)
- EN 202 Survey of English Literature II (3)
- EN 203 World Literature I (3)
- EN 301 Shakespeare (3)
- EN 402 Literary Criticism (3)
- EN 490 Bibliography for Research (1)
- EN 491 Senior Thesis (2)

Creative Writing Required Electives (24 credits)

Choose 3 hours from:

- EN 321 Literature of the United States I (3)

EN 322 Literature of the United States II (3)

Choose 12 hours from:

EN 311 Creative Nonfiction Writing (3)

EN 313 Poetry Writing (3)

EN 317 Short Story Writing (3)

EN 326 Writing Children's Literature (3)

EN 329 Outdoor and Nature Writing (3)

TH 335 Playwriting (3)

Choose 9 additional hours in English at the 300-level or above (may also include Communication 318 and/or 341)

**Four Year Plan: Bachelor of Arts in English
Literature and Creative Writing Concentrations**

Freshman Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
IS 102 Foundations of Faith and Learning	2	CS 102 Computer Applications and Concepts	3
BB 101 Survey of Old Testament	3	BB 102 Survey of New Testament	3
EN 101 English Composition I	3	EN 102 English Composition II	3
HS 101 History of World Civilization I	3	HS 102 History of World Civilization II	3
Elementary Foreign Language 101	3	Elementary Foreign Language 102	3
Physical Education Course	1	Physical Education Course	1
	15		16
Sophomore Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
EN 201 Survey of English Literature I	3	EN 202 Survey of English Literature II	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Gen-Ed Natural Science	4	Gen-Ed Natural Science	4
Gen-Ed Mathematics	3	Gen-Ed Social Science	3
Gen-Ed Oral Competency	3	Major Elective	3
	16		16
Junior Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
EN 203 World Literature I	3	EN 402 Literary Criticism	3
EN 301 Shakespeare	3	Major Elective	3
Major Elective	3	Major Elective	3
Gen-Ed Humanities	3	Gen-Ed Humanities	3
Elective	1	PH 201 Intro to Philosophy or IS 202 Worldviews	3
Elective	3		
	16		15
<i>Completion of the General Education competencies by the end of the junior year.</i>			
Senior Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
EN 490 Bibliography for Research	1	EN 491 Senior Thesis	2
Major Elective	3	Major Elective	3
Major Elective	3	Major Elective	3
Elective	3	IS 461 Seminar on Faith and Life	2
Elective	3	Elective	3
	13		13
<i>Completion of 33 credits at the 300-level or above. Completion of the Major Field Test by the end of the Senior Year.</i>			
Total hours required for degree:			120

*See General Education for optional course offerings

Professional Writing Concentration

The Professional Writing concentration allows English students to explore career tracks in English and related disciplines such as Communication. Students also receive a thorough grounding in literature and analytical/critical thinking skills.

Requirements for a Professional Writing Concentration (42 credits)

EN 271* Business Communication (3)

CM 228 Media Studies (4)

CM 313 Public Relations (3)

EN 325 Literary Magazine Editing (2)

CM 344** Nonprofit Organizational Communication (4)

Choose one:

CM 347 News Editing (3) **OR**

CM 348 News Writing (3)

EN 490 Bibliography for Research (1)

EN 491 Senior Thesis (2)

Choose 15 credits in Literature:

Choose one:

EN 201 Survey of English Literature I (3) **OR**

EN 202 Survey of English Literature II (3)

EN 203 World Literature (3)

EN 301 Shakespeare (3)

Choose one:

EN 321 Literature of the United States (3) **OR**

EN 322 Literature of the United States (3)

Choose one:

EN 324 Twentieth-Century British Writers (3) **OR**

EN 320 Contemporary Literature (3)

Choose 6 hours from EN and/or CM at the 300-level or above

*BS 101 prerequisite waived

**CM 203 prerequisite waived

Four Year Plan: Bachelor of Arts in English Professional Writing Concentration			
Freshman Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
IS 102 Foundations of Faith and Learning	2	CS 102 Computer Applications and Concepts	3
BB 101 Survey of Old Testament	3	BB 102 Survey of New Testament	3
EN 101 English Composition I	3	EN 102 English Composition II	3
HS 101 History of World Civilization I	3	HS 102 History of World Civilization II	3
Elementary Foreign Language 101	3	Elementary Foreign Language 102	3
Physical Education Course	1	Physical Education Course	1
	15		16
Sophomore Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
EN 201 Survey of English Literature I*	3	EN 322 Literature of the United States II*	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Gen-Ed Natural Science	4	Gen-Ed Natural Science	4
Gen-Ed Mathematics	3	Gen-Ed Social Science	3
EN 271 Business Communication	3	Major Elective	3
	16		16
*Students may take EN 202 for English Lit. requirement in spring and EN 321 for U.S. Lit. requirement in Fall; must choose one class in each discipline.			
Junior Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
EN 203 World Literature I	3	CM 313 Public Relations	3
EN 301 Shakespeare	3	CM 344 Nonprofit Organizational Communication	4
EN 320 Contemporary Literature or EN 324 Twentieth-Century British Writers	3	Gen-Ed Humanities	3
Gen-Ed Humanities	3	PH 201 Intro to Philosophy or IS 202 Worldviews	3
EN 325 Literary Magazine Editing	2	Elective	3
Elective	3		
	17		16
<i>Completion of the General Education competencies by the end of the junior year.</i>			
Senior Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
EN 490 Bibliography for Research	1	EN 491 Senior Thesis	2
CM 228 Media Studies	4	Major Elective	3
CM 348 News Writing or CM 347 News Editing	3	Major Elective	3
Major Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	1	IS 461 Seminar on Faith and Life	2
	12		13
<i>Completion of 33 credits at the 300-level or above. Completion of the Major Field Test by the end of the Senior Year.</i>			
Total hours required for degree:			120

*See General Education for optional course offerings

Special Emphasis Concentration

The Special Emphasis Concentration allows students to design a program of study focused on an area of interest outside the core curriculum of their particular major. Working with a faculty member in their major, the student selects courses from other institutions or departments at Montreat College that can be integrated into their specific discipline. The Special Emphasis must be approved by the student's academic advisor prior to completing sixty (60) credit hours.

Requirements for a Special Emphasis Concentration (32 credits)

The Special Emphasis Concentration proposal must meet all the General Education and Competency requirements published in the Academic Catalog, including the language requirement for the BA degree. The proposal must include the following elements: (1) a rationale for the program, (2) a description of one's career objectives, (3) identification of at least thirty-two (32) credit hours of coursework with supporting rationale from within the student's academic program, and (4) identification of at least eighteen (18) credit hours of additional coursework with supporting rationale, generally outside the student's chosen department, that directly supports the student's career objectives. The proposal, once approved by the academic advisor, will be submitted to the Department for final approval.

English Minor

The English minor at Montreat College gives students the opportunity to read, discuss, and write about illuminating works in Western Literature, and to receive instruction and practice in creative and professional writing. Students who minor in English are prepared to work as editors and writers in their major fields. Students will develop understanding of the world's social and cultural conditions and learn to communicate effectively through the written word.

Requirements for a Minor in English (18 credits)

18 hours in English, from 3-credit hour courses only

At least 12 credits of the 18 must be at the 300-level or above.

The General Education literature course does not double-count.