

# The Department of English

## English Major

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## About

The English department believes that skillful, self-aware reading, writing, and thinking provide a foundation for meaningful living. We seek to develop forms of analysis and expression that are both critical and creative and that help us comprehend the multiple cultural practices and values of the twenty-first century. Villanova English majors acquire a broad understanding of Anglophone literary history as well as familiarity with the major genres of the tradition. A department of accomplished scholars, we focus on undergraduate education and make our majors the center of pedagogy. While preserving the value of literature as a cultural form, we cultivate in our students the analytical skills necessary for negotiating today's rapidly changing world.

## Required Major Courses (33 credits)

English majors take a range of courses, from required courses (chosen from a number of possibilities) that provide a sense of the historical range and diversity of literature in English to electives covering contemporary writers, film, creative writing, and many more topics. Students can also form tracks (such as Professional Writing, World Literature, or Race and Ethnicity) within the major. English courses are particularly well-suited to helping students become better readers, writers, and analytical thinkers; because of those skills, and because of the breadth of literature, English courses are valuable in all aspects of our lives.

### *Program Notes:*

- "Special Topics" signifies that the specific focus of the course varies by semester.

| <b>Course</b> | <b>Title</b>                     | <b>Credits</b> |
|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
|               | BIPOC Literature Course          |                |
|               | Pre-1800 Literature Courses      | 6              |
|               | Post-1800 Literature Course      | 6              |
| ENG 2250      | Ways of Reading:Lit Analysis     | 3              |
| ENG 5000      | Senior Seminar                   | 3              |
|               | English Electives 1800 and Above | 15             |

## Core Curriculum Requirements (44 credits)

| Course   | Title                                       | Credits |
|----------|---|---------|
| ACS 1000 | Ancients                                    | 3       |
| ACS 1001 | Moderns                                     | 3       |
| THL 1000 | Faith, Reason, and Culture                  | 3       |
| PHI 1000 | Knowledge, Reality, Self                    | 3       |
| ETH 2050 | The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob               | 3       |
|          | Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)        | 3       |
|          | Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory) | 8       |
|          | Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)   | 3       |
|          | History (1 course)                          | 3       |
|          | Social Sciences (2 courses)                 | 6       |
|          | Fine Arts (1 course)                        | 3       |
|          | Upper-Level Theology (1 course)             | 3       |
|          | Language Requirement                        |         |
|          | Diversity Requirement (2 courses)           |         |

## Free Elective Requirement (45 credits)

Students with an English primary major have forty-five (45) required free elective credits.

## Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 33 credits
- **Core Credits:** 44 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 45 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

*Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.*

## SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare English as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.