ENGLISH MAJOR

Requirements

The English major consists of a total of ten required courses:

Course	Title	Credits
One Texts and Contexts course[1]		
One Literary Theories course		
ENGL 3000	Literary Theories	4
or COLI 3000	Literary Theories	
Eight electives, including[2]		
Three Historical Breadth courses		
One Race and Social Justice course		
One Departmental Seminar course		
Three additional electives[3]		
Up to two electives may be Creative Writing or Public & Professional Writing courses		

1 A list of courses fulfilling the Texts and Contexts requirement can be seen on the core curriculum page. Texts and Contexts courses have the TC attribute.

2 Any course with the ENGL subject code or the ENGL attribute code counts as an elective, with the exceptions of ENGL 1102 Composition II and ENGL 2000 Texts and Contexts.
Students may count no more than one course from the following towards the major: FITV 2511 Screenwriting I, JOUR 3723 Interviews and Profiles, JOUR 3727 Writing for Magazines, JOUR 3783 Theater Journalism

3 Because some electives will double or triple count as Historical Breadth courses, Race and Social Justice courses, and/or Departmental Seminar courses, majors may end up being able to take more than three additional electives.

Requirements in Detail/ Supplementary Information

Grades

Courses in which a student receives a grade of D or F will not count toward the major.

The English Major and the Core Curriculum

English majors are required to fulfill the first-level core English requirement (ENGL 1102 before beginning the major; ENGL 1102 does not count toward the major. Additionally, majors may count English electives taken to meet the following core requirements toward the major: Advanced Literature Core, ICC, EP3, Values/EP4, American Pluralism, and Global Studies.

Literary Theories Requirement

All majors are required to take Literary Theories (ENGL 3000 or COLI 3000). This course is usually taken during a student's junior year, but sophomores may also enroll. Literary Theories introduces students to debates in literary and critical theory. The goal of these courses is to reflect on reading strategies, textual practices, and language itself. Students will engage with a range of critical, theoretical, and social issues shaping the field of literary studies today.

Historical Breadth Requirement

At least three of the courses students take for the major must fulfill the Historical Breadth requirement, and the majority of the texts taught in those courses must be written before 1850. The goal of the Historical Breadth requirement is to encourage students to learn about a diverse range of historical periods and literary forms. The department suggests that students consult regularly with their advisers to ensure their Historical Breadth course choices cover a wide variety of literatures written before 1850. Historical Breadth courses have the ENHD attribute code and are included in departmental course listings.

Race and Social Justice Requirement

English majors in the Class of 2023 and beyond are required to take one course with the Race and Social Justice designation. These courses will introduce students to literatures from minority, ethnic, diasporic, postcolonial, colonial, and/or global traditions. They also aim to examine issues of race through the lenses of ethics, social justice, respect for human dignity, and the sustainability of the world in which we live. These courses have the ENRJ attribute code and are included in departmental course listings.

Departmental Seminar Requirement

English majors in the Class of 2023 and beyond are required to take one 4000-level departmental seminar. These seminars can be taken in a student's junior or senior year. Departmental seminars are capped at 15 students each and will provide students with a chance to delve deeply into the study of a particular subject. As part of the seminar, students will also work closely with their instructor to complete a final research project or comparable assignment that allows them to develop their skills as thinkers and writers. These courses have the ENSM attribute code and are included in departmental course listings.

Creative Writing and Public and Professional Writing Courses

English majors may apply up to two creative writing or public and professional writing courses toward their elective requirements. Majors who wish to take additional creative writing and/or public and professional writing courses should consider the creative writing minor, the English major with a creative writing concentration, and/or the public and professional writing minor. These courses have the CVW attribute code (for creative writing courses) or the PPWF or PPWD attribute codes (for public and professional writing courses) and are included in departmental course listings. ENGL 3003 Introduction to Professional Writing also counts toward this two-course maximum.

Additional Information

1. English majors will receive credit toward the major for certain courses offered by other departments and programs if they carry an ENGL attribute or an ENGL course number. Up to two additional cognate courses in other departments or programs that are deemed relevant to the major may be counted with permission of the associate chair. A list of courses offered in other areas can be found in the Bulletin.
2. Up to two courses may be double counted between major and major. That is, each of the two courses may be counted for both an English major and another, related major. Only one course may be double counted between major and minor.
3. Up to two courses taken abroad with content clearly related to literary study may be considered for credit toward the major.

4. For students who transfer from another school to Fordham, the department will consider counting up to two courses taken prior to arrival at Fordham toward the major.
5. Credits earned for internships do not count for credit toward the English major. Internship credits do count for general credits toward graduation. In order to receive academic credit for an internship, you must have completed 60 academic credits, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and register for a tutorial with a faculty member who agrees to serve as your academic adviser. Depending on the amount of academic work involved in the tutorial, your faculty mentor will suggest that you register for a one- or two-credit tutorial. Internships are graded on a Pass/Fail basis.
6. Advanced Placement credits in English Literature and in English Language count toward a student's total number of credits in the college but not within the major. A score of 4 or 5 in AP English Literature will count toward college elective credits.
7. Courses taken on a Pass/Fail basis cannot be counted towards English major requirements.

Availability

The major in English is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill, Fordham College at Lincoln Center, and Fordham's School of Professional and Continuing Studies at Rose Hill, Lincoln Center, and Westchester.

Fordham College at Rose Hill students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum*.*

Fordham College at Lincoln Center students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum*.*

Professional and Continuing Studies students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the PCS Core Curriculum *and any additional electives that may be required to earn a minimum of 124 credits.*