

English Major Requirement Checklist

- English majors and their advisors are strongly encouraged to update and save this checklist each semester to track their degree progress.
- Check the undergraduate course catalogue for the most up-to-date, complete information: <http://catalog.umaine.edu/>

To complete the English major, students must pass at least 39 credits (beyond ENG 101) with a minimum cumulative GPA of a 2.0 and a minimum grade of 'C-' in each course. 18 of these credits must be from UMaine.

Core Courses (12 credits)

4 core courses are required.*

Course	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENG 170	3		
ENG 215	3		
ENG 222	3		
ENG 271	3		

*Note: 215 is not required for students who declared before fall 2023.

Additional ENG Course (3 credits)

1 additional 200 level or higher lit or writing course is required.

Course	Credits	Semester	Grade
	3		

Upper Level Literature Courses (15 credits)

- 5 literature courses at the 300 and 400 level
- 2 of these must be 400-level courses
- 1 of these must be British literature
- 1 of these must be pre-1800 literature

Note: Some courses may count as both British and pre-1800.

Course	Credits	Semester	Grade
	3		
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Writing Courses (9 credits)

3 writing courses beyond ENG 101 are required:

2 of these must be at the 300 or 400-level

Note: Students are encouraged to declare a writing concentration, but not required to do so. See following page for details.

Course	Credits	Semester	Grade
	3		
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Capstone Requirement (3 credits)

Students should register for ENG 499 during the semester of their capstone work, which is 0 credit, 0 tuition. A capstone may be satisfied, with permission, by:

Any 400 level lit course

ENG 402, 405, 407, or 408

ENG 395 + 1 semester tutoring

ENG 496

An English-related Honors Thesis

Credits to date:

39 credits fulfilled

Name: _____ MaineStreet ID: _____ Advisor: _____ Date Declared: _____

Majors should direct questions to their advisors or to the Eng. Depart. Chair.

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Writing Concentrations

Writing Concentrations offer students a structured progression through the fields of Creative Writing, Analytical Writing, or Technical/Professional Writing. Each concentration provides both introductory and advanced instruction and prepares students for further education or for work in many professions. (Students are encouraged to declare a writing concentration, but not required to do so.)

Creative Writing (9 credits)

1 x 200 level course:	1 x 300 level course:	1 x 400 level course:
ENG 205 - Introduction to Creative Writing	ENG 307 - Writing Fiction	ENG 405 - Topics in Creative Writing
ENG 206 - Descriptive and Narrative Writing	ENG 308 - Writing Poetry	ENG 407 - Advanced Fiction Writing
	ENG 309 - Writing Creative Nonfiction	ENG 408 - Advanced Poetry Writing

This concentration allows students to explore their worlds with carefully crafted language and to make the writing of imaginative literature a way of life.

*The Capstone Experience is completed by the submission and approval of a creative manuscript, usually supervised by the instructor of the 400-level writing workshop.

Analytical Writing (9 credits)

1 of the following:	2 of the following:
ENG 201 - Strategies for Writing Across Contexts	ENG 301 - Seminar in Writing Studies
ENG 206 - Descriptive and Narrative Writing	ENG 309 - Writing Creative Nonfiction
ENG 315 - Research Writing in the Disciplines	ENG 395 - Writing Center Internship
	ENG 402 - Topics in Writing and Research

This concentration is for students whose primary interest is in literature, literary theory, and in writing essays, literary criticism, and academic papers. It provides excellent preparation for law school or for graduate study in language and literature. It is also useful for students planning to teach at the secondary or college level.

*The Capstone Experience is fulfilled by completing ENG 395 + tutoring for a semester in the Writing Center, completing ENG 402, or completing a thesis-level research paper in a 400-level literature course.

Professional and Technical Writing (12 credits)

1 of the following:	2 of the following:	1 of the following:
ENG 317 - Business and Technical Writing	ENG 415 - Advanced Report & Proposal Writing	ENG 496 - English Career Internship
	ENG 416 - Document & Information Design	
	ENG 418 - Topics in Professional Writing	

This concentration is useful for students planning careers in such diverse professions as law, public relations, management, arts administration, technical writing, and journalism.

*The Capstone Experience is fulfilled by taking ENG 496.

Literature Courses

300 level literature courses fulfilling the pre-1800 and/or British literature requirements for the English majors are listed in this table:

Two 400-level seminars will be offered every semester, the topics of which will vary. One or both seminars may meet the British and/or pre-1800 requirement

Section	Course	Pre-1800	British
ENG 341	Colonial and Early National American Literature	X	
ENG 351	Medieval English Literature	X	X
ENG 353	Shakespeare and the English Renaissance	X	X
ENG 355	Restoration & the 18th Century in British Literature	X	X
ENG 357	Nineteenth-Century British Literature		X