

BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN ENGLISH

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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Arts - Major in English		
Core Curriculum (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
	Component Area I (Communication)	6
	Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹	3
	Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)	8
	Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) ²	3
	Component Area V (Creative Arts)	3
	Component Area VI (U.S. History)	6
	Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)	6
	Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)	3
	Component Area IX (Component Area Option) ²	4
Degree-Specific Requirements		
	ARTS, DANC, MUSI, THEA ³	3
	Foreign Language ^{2,4}	14
	PHIL 3000- or 4000- level	3
Major: Foundation		
ENGL 2332	World Literature I: Before the 17th Century ²	3
or ENGL 2333	World Literature II: From the 17th Century and After	
ENGL 3360	Survey of American Literature to 1865	3
or ENGL 3361	Survey of American Literature from 1865 to the Present	
ENGL 3372	Introduction to Linguistics	3
or ENGL 3373	English Grammar	
ENGL 3384	Early English Masterworks	3
or ENGL 3385	Later English Masterworks	
Major: Prescribed Electives		
	4000-level ENGL	12
	3000- or 4000-level ENGL	15
Electives: General		
	General Electives	1
Minor: Required ⁵		
	Minor	18
Total Hours		120

¹ MATH 1332 is recommended.

² If the 2000 level Foreign Language courses are used to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture), or if ENGL 2332 or ENGL 2333 is used to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture), additional hours will be needed to satisfy the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.

³ Course cannot double dip with Core Curriculum.

⁴ Four courses required in one language.

⁵ All minors can be paired with this degree program.

Notes

Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework.

Students must meet a 2.5 minimum overall major GPA in all major coursework.

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The English major requires a total of 36 hours of English coursework (**12** hours of which must be at the 4000-level). [Note: ENGL 1301 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=ENGL%201301>) and ENGL 1302 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=ENGL%201302>) may not be used to meet this requirement.] All general requirements, including a minor, must be met.

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area II (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii) ¹		3 Component Area IV	3
Component Area V (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)		3 Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	4
ENGL 1301 ²		3 ENGL 1302 ²	3
Foreign Language 1411 ³		4 Foreign Language 1412 ³	4
HSTY 1301 ⁴		3 HSTY 1302 ⁴	3
		16	17

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii) ⁵		4 Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii) ⁵	4
Component Area VIII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)		3 ENGL 3384 or 3385	3
ENGL 2332 or 2333 ⁶		3 Foreign Language 2312 ^{3,6}	3
Foreign Language 2311 ^{3,6}		3 PHIL 3000- or 4000-level	3
POLS 2305 ⁷		3 POLS 2306 ⁷	3
		16	16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ARTS, DANC, MUSI, THEA ⁸		3 ENGL 3000- or 4000-level elective	9
ENGL 3360 or 3361		3 Minor ⁹	6
ENGL 3372 or 3373		3	
Minor ⁹		3	
		12	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 3000- or 4000-level electives		6 ENGL 4000-level elective	9
ENGL 4000-level elective		3 Elective	1
Minor ⁹		6 Minor ⁹	3
		15	13

Total Hours: 120

- ¹ MATH 1332 is recommended.
- ² Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).
- ³ Four courses required in one language.
- ⁴ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- ⁵ Two courses required.

- ⁶ If the 2000 level Foreign Language courses are used to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture), or if ENGL 2332 or ENGL 2333 is used to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture), additional hours will be needed to satisfy the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.
- ⁷ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
- ⁸ Course cannot double dip with core curriculum.
- ⁹ All minors can be paired with this degree program.

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The BA in English is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Think critically across disciplines.
- Communicate effectively through written and oral communication.
- Conduct and interpret various modes of research in a variety of disciplines.