English Major
REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

GATEWAY
(1 COURSE)
- 1 course:
  English 200: Introduction to Literary Studies

FOUNDATIONS
(4 COURSES)
- 1 course in:
  British literature and culture before 1700
- 2 courses:
  Take 1 course each from any 2 of the categories listed below:
  - British literature and culture after 1700
  - American literature and culture before 1865
  - American literature and culture after 1865
- 1 course in:
  Global Anglophone or Ethnic American literature, rhetorics, or culture (200-level or higher)

JUNIOR YEAR WRITING
(1 COURSE)
- 1 course:
  English 300: Junior Year Writing (JYW)
  Second majors are only required to complete JYW in their primary major.
  Dual degree candidates must take English 300.

ELECTIVES
(AT LEAST 3 COURSES)
- 1 course:
  One upper-level elective (200-level or higher)
- 1 course:
  One upper-level elective (300-level or higher)
- 1 course:
  One upper-level elective (400-level or higher)

INTEGRATIVE EXPERIENCE
(1 COURSE)
- 1 course:
  Integrative Experience (IE)
  Second majors are only required to complete the IE in their primary major, but HFA college requirements remain in effect.
  Dual degree students are waived from the IE in English if English is their second major.

NOTES
Majors must earn a letter grade of “C” or higher in all required courses.
You may count 1 course toward 2 requirements, but must then take 1 additional 300+ elective and notify the English Undergraduate Office that you are doing so.
A maximum of 3 transfer courses (including Five College courses) may count toward the major. You must have these courses pre-approved before taking them (go to South College E345).
The English Major

As an English major at UMass Amherst, you will develop a broad foundation in British, American, and World Anglophone literature. You’ll also have the opportunity to work with nationally-recognized faculty to pursue an area of specialization that matches your passions and post-graduation goals.

**GATEWAY**

English 200: Introduction to Literary Studies

**FOUNDATIONS IN LITERARY HISTORY, THEORY, AND ANALYSIS**

- Early British Literature or Shakespeare
- Later British or American Literature
- American Literature
- Anglophone or Ethnic American Literature

**JUNIOR YEAR WRITING**

English 300: Junior Year Seminar in English Studies

**SPECIALIZATION: CHOOSE ONE OR MORE**

- American Studies (AS) 5 courses
- Creative Writing (CW) 5 courses
- Digital Humanities + Games (DHG) 5 courses
- Environmental Humanities (EH) 3 courses
- Literature as History (LH) 3 courses
- Professional Writing & Tech Comm (PWTC) 5 courses
- Social Justice: Race, Class, Gender, Ability (SJ) 4 courses
- Study & Practice of Writing (SPoW) 5 courses
- Teaching the English Language Arts (TELA) 5 courses
- Individualized Option 3-5 courses

**INTEGRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

English 494: Asks students to reflect upon and synthesize their learning experiences in the major and at UMass.

All English majors are encouraged to complete at least one internship.

Majors pursuing honors may wish to consider a thesis or capstone project.

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