

Professional Writing

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

This degree map is based on the 2023-24 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress toward degree completion. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors including summer/winter enrollment, dual enrollment and number of courses successfully completed each semester. We recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
WRIT 103 Foundations in Composition	3	ENGL 250 Literary Theory and Forms	3
First Year Seminar	3	ENGL 211 Grammars of English	3
Oral Communications General Education Course	3	Diversity General Education Course	3
History General Education Course	3	Global Perspectives General Education Course	3
Quantitative General Education Course	3	Elective	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Second Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
Foreign Language General Education Course	3	Citizenship General Education Course	3
ENGL 288 Feminist Reading of Culture	3	ENGL 220 Global Literature	3
ENGL 270 Technical Writing	3	ENGL 330 American Literature and Culture	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
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Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Third Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ENGL 370 Advanced Writing Rhetoric	3	ENGL 373 Writing for the Web	3
ENGL 374 Technical Editing	3	Ethical Reasoning General Education Course	3
ENGL 391 Author in Context	3	Literature General Education (not from English)	3
First Natural World General Education Course	3	ENGL 310 History of the English Language	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Fourth Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ENGL 491 Senior Seminar	3	ENGL 498 Internship	3
Second Natural World General Education Course	3	Technology General Education Course	3
ENGL 371 Composition Theory	3	Arts General Education Course	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
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Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you complete general education requirements. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

Curriculum Checklist

Core (12 credits)

- ___ ENGL 211 Grammars of English (3)
- ___ ENGL 220 Global Literature Survey (3)
- ___ ENGL 250 Literary Theory and Forms (3)
- ___ ENGL 491 Senior Seminar (3)

Diversity (3 credits)

Select 1 Course

- ___ ENGL 280 Literature and Identity (3)
- ___ ENGL 282 African American Literature (3)
- ___ ENGL 283 Literature and Ethnic Identity (3)
- ___ ENGL 284 Literature and Gender Identity (3)
- ___ ENGL 288 Feminist Reading of Culture (3)
- ___ ENGL 289 Sexualities and Literature (3)

Literature (6 Credits)

Select 2 Courses

- ___ ENGL 320 Global Literature and Culture (3)
- ___ ENGL 330 American Literature and Culture (3)
- ___ ENGL 340 British Literature and Culture (3)
- ___ ENGL 360 Literature in Media and Culture (3)
- ___ ENGL 390 Shakespeare (3)
- ___ ENGL 391 Author(s) in Context (3)
- ___ ENGL 420 Studies in a Genre (3)

Power of Language (9 Credits)

Select 3 Courses

- ___ ENGL 310 History of the English Language (3)
- ___ ENGL 350 Contemporary Literary Theory and Criticism (3)
- ___ ENGL 370 Advanced Writing Rhetoric (3)
- ___ ENGL 371 Composition Theory (3)

Professionalization (3 Credits)

- ___ ENGL 498 Internship (3)

Concentration Specific Requirements (9 Credits)

- ___ ENGL 270 Technical Writing (3)
- ___ ENGL 373 Writing for the Web (3)
- ___ ENGL 374 Technical Editing (3)

General Education Requirements

(45 credits)

Note: English does not have any directed general education courses. The department strongly encourages students to fulfill the Literature requirement using a course from another department.

- Foundations (15 credits)
- Interconnections (9 credits)
- Citizenship & Responsibility (6 credits from at least two goals)
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits, complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

Minors The Department of English urges all students to declare a minor. Courses on the degree map marked “Elective” could be courses for a minor. Please consult with your advisor during your first semester to determine a suitable minor.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required.

Campus Locations

Bloomsburg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended
Lock Haven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended
Mansfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended
Clearfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Online; <input type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input type="checkbox"/> Blended