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English Department Policies

Advising

English and Creative Writing students should meet with English Department faculty regularly, especially when being advised outside the department, to ensure adequate progress is being made toward the major or minor.

AP and IB Credits

A score of 4 or 5 on the AP examination in English Language and/or Literature will receive 1.0 credit toward graduation, but will not count toward the English major or minor. International Baccalaureate work is not accepted by the English Department, but may be counted for credit toward graduation.

Petitions

All petitions for exceptions or substitutions for the major or minor in English or Creative Writing should be made to the chair using the English Department's petition form (available in the English suite).

Repeated Courses

Some English or Creative Writing courses may be taken more than once for credit, provided the topics are substantially different. To repeat a course for credit, the student must have consent from the instructor, who will verify that the course content is substantially different. The written consent of the English Department chair is needed for a repeated course to be counted toward a departmental major or minor. This consent must be obtained before enrolling in the course.

Student Travel Funds

English and Creative Writing majors who present at academic conferences can apply to the English Department for up to \$300 to offset travel expenses. To be eligible for departmental travel funds, a student should have had her/his work accepted at a conference in her/his field and must submit an application to the English Department chair consisting of the title of the work being presented, a short abstract, and a budget detailing expected expenses. Student travel funds will be awarded only when merited; funds supporting student travel will not necessarily be given every year. Due to funding limitations, application does not guarantee support, and additional support for conference related expenses may be requested from the Provost's Office.

Study Away

The English Department strongly encourages students to participate in off-campus study. Students who wish to count course credits earned during study away experiences toward a departmental major or minor should petition the English Department chair, providing syllabi, assignments, and other course materials as needed.

The Senior Thesis in English or Creative Writing

The senior thesis in English is an extended essay integrating original research and analysis within a larger critical conversation about a work of literature, an author, or a topic in literary studies. Students considering graduate work in English, law, or other fields will especially benefit from the extended research experience writing a thesis entails. Students who successfully defend a senior thesis receive Departmental Distinction at graduation. They are also eligible for the two highest levels of Latin honors, magna cum laude and summa cum laude. Rising seniors interested in writing a thesis should work with English Department faculty while preparing a proposal. More information about the senior thesis is available on the English Department website.

The senior thesis in Creative Writing is a polished manuscript of significant length and scope, generally a collection of poems or short stories, a play, a screenplay, a novella, or a major portion of a novel with a complete outline. It should build on and significantly extend work completed in Manuscript Workshop—that is, it should consist of pieces that have been workshopped and revised, not new material. Students considering an M.F.A. or Ph.D. in Creative Writing may especially benefit from the opportunity to revise and extend the work they have done in the major. Students who successfully defend a senior thesis receive Departmental Distinction at graduation. They are also eligible for the two highest levels of Latin honors, magna and summa cum laude. More information about the senior thesis is available on the English Department website.

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