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THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AT MERCER UNIVERSITY



AN ENGLISH MAJOR'S FOUR-YEAR PLAN (GBK TRACK)

How to Use this Four-Year Plan

Choosing a major is an important decision. Completing that course of study in a timely manner while maximizing its benefits to your professional development is equally important and calls for careful planning and implementation.

This Four-Year Plan is designed to help students create a roadmap for their course requirements in both General Education (**listed in orange on the Four-Year Plan**) and the English major (**listed in purple**).

The Four-Year Plan also offers suggestions on how (and when) to explore opportunities in the department that will enhance your learning experience and strengthen your professional development.

These opportunities include:

- Academic and Professional Pathways (**listed on the Four-Year Plan in green**)
- Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities (**listed in red**)
- Experiential Learning, Service Learning, and other Credentialing Opportunities (**listed in blue**)
- Undergraduate Research and Honors in English (**listed in teal**)

English Major Requirements (30-33 semester credit hours minimum)

The English major is organized around seven defined areas of study (listed below), with one course required from each and four electives (three of which must be at the 300-level or above). See pages 197-207 in the Mercer Catalog for details on specific courses in each area of study.

- Introduction to Literary Study
- Methods of Literary Study
- Author Study
- Genre Study
- Historical or Cultural Study
- Language Study or Writing
- Experiential Study

Freshman Year

Please Note: Great Books students are encouraged to complete the curriculum in sequence. If you encounter scheduling challenges, consult with your advisor or GBK Director, Dr. Charlotte Thomas.

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<p>GBK 101 (4 hrs.) Foreign Language course (4 hours): UNV 101 (1 hour) Quantitative Reasoning course (3 hrs.): ENG Introduction to Literary Study course (3 hrs.)</p> <hr/> <p>Total: 15 Credit Hours</p> <p>Attend an Information Session: “What Are You Going to Do with That? Professional Pathways & an English Major’s 4 Year Plan” Attend an Information Session: Writing Preceptors & Service Scholars</p>	<p>ENG Elective course (3 hrs.): GBK 202 (4 hrs.): Foreign Language course (4 hrs.): ENG Genre Study course (3 hrs.):</p> <hr/> <p>Total: 14 Credit Hours</p> <p>Attend an Information Session: “How and Why to Add Mercer’s Public Writing Certificate to your 4 Year Plan” Apply to become a Writing Preceptor or Service Scholar</p>

Sophomore Year

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Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<p>GBK 203 (3 hrs.) Preceptor Training Course (EXP credit + 3 hrs.) ENG Methods of Literary Study course (3 hrs.) ENG Elective course (3 hrs.) Additional Depth course (3 hrs.):</p> <hr/> <p>Total: 15 Credit Hours</p> <p>Attend an Information Session: Fellowships and Scholarships Declare your English Major in My Mercer & Meet Your Advisor</p>	<p>The Natural World course (4 hours): GBK 304 (3 hours): ENG Historical or Cultural Study course (3 hours): ENG Elective Course (300-level, 3 hours): ENG Public Writing course (Public Writing Certificate, 3 hours):</p> <hr/> <p>Total: 16 Credit Hours</p> <p>Attend an Information Session: Explore Undergraduate Research & Honors in English</p>

Junior Year

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<p>GBK 305 (3 hrs.) ENG Language Study or Writing course (3 hrs.): TCO Public Writing Certificate course (3 hrs.): ENG Elective course (300 level, 3 hrs.): Additional Depth course (3 hrs.):</p> <hr/> <p>Total: 15 Credit Hours</p> <p>Attend an Information Session: Explore Internship Opportunities</p>	<p>ENG 498 Internship in Editing/Writing/Research (3 hrs. + EXP): ENG Elective course (3 hrs.): ENG Public Writing Certificate course elective (3 hrs.): HIS 295 course (Public Writing Certificate, 3 hrs.): GBK 306 (3 hrs.):</p> <hr/> <p>Total: 15 Credit Hours</p> <p>Continue service as a Preceptor Scholar or Service Scholar Identify Topic and Faculty Director for Undergraduate Research</p>

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Senior Year

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<p>ENG Elective course (300 level, 3 hrs.): ENG Elective course (3 hrs.): GBK 407 (3 hrs.): EXP 490 Mercer Writers' Project (Certificate (EXP Credit): Additional Depth course (3 hrs.) Additional Depth Course (3 hrs.)</p> <hr/> <p>Total: 15 Credit Hours</p> <p>Attend an Information Session: Naming What You Know – Knowledge Transfer & Work Readiness for ENG Majors Begin Undergraduate Research Project for Honors in ENG</p>	<p>ENG Author Study course (3 hrs.): ENG Elective course (3 hrs.): ENG 488 Independent Study Honors in ENG (3 hrs.): Additional Depth course (3 hrs.): Additional Depth course (3 hrs.) EXP 490 Mercer Writers' Project (Certificate, EXP Credit):</p> <hr/> <p>Total: 15 Credit Hours</p> <p>Present Undergraduate Research at BEAR Day, Sigma Tau Delta, NCUR or other National Conferences</p>

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