

English (BA) - Professional Writing And Editing Concentration

Degree Requirements

General Education Requirements (53-57 Hours)

Area I - Written Composition (2 Courses, 6 Hours)

- A. 3 hours: EH 101
- B. 3 hours: EH 102

Area II - Humanities & Fine Arts (5 Courses, 15 Hours)

No more than six hours from any one discipline.

- A. 3 hours: CA 110
- B. 3 hours from: EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236
- C. 3 hours from: ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARS 101, DRA 110, MUL 101
- D. 6 hours from: AFR 101, ARH 100, ARH 103, ARH 123, ARH 203, ARS 101, CLA 110, DRA 110, EH 215, EH 216, EH 225, EH 226, EH 235, EH 236, JHS 101, JOU 252, LG 101, LG 102, LG 111, LG 112, LG 121, LG 122, LG 131, LG 132, LG 141, LG 142, LG 151, LG 152, LG 153, LG 171, LG 172, LG 173, LG 201, LG 202, LG 211, LG 212, LG 213, LG 221, LG 222, LG 231, LG 232, LG 234, LG 241, LG 242, LG 251, LG 252, LG 271, LG 272, LG 273, LGS 101, LGS 102, LGS 106, LGS 107, LGS 110, LGS 111, LGS 171, LGS 172, LGS 201, LGS 202, LGS 206, LGS 207, LGS 210, LGS 211, LGS 271, LGS 272, MUL 101, PHL 110, PHL 120, PHL 121, PHL 131, PHL 220, PHL 231, PHL 240, REL 100, REL 200, REL 201

Area III – Natural Sciences & Mathematics (3 Courses & Labs, 11-14 Hours)

- A. 3-4 hours from: MA 110, MA 112, MA 113, MA 115, MA 120, MA 125, MA 126, MA 227, MA 237, MA 238
- B. 8-10 hours from: AN 121 & AN 121L, BLY 101 & BLY 101L or BLY 121 & BLY 121L, BLY 102 & BLY 102L or BLY 122 & BLY 122L, BMD 110, BMD 111, CH 101 & CH 101L, CH 103 & CH 103L, CH 131 & CH 131L, CH 132 & CH 132L, GEO 101 & GEO 101L, GEO 102 & GEO 102L, GY 111 & GY 111L, GY 112 & GY 112L, MAS 134 & MAS 134L, PH 101 & PH 101L, PH 104 & PH 104L, PH 114 & PH 114L, PH 115 & PH 115L, PH 201 & PH 201L, PH 202 & PH 202L

Area IV – History, Social & Behavioral Sciences (4 Courses, 12 Hours)

No more than six hours from any one discipline.

- A. 3 hours from: HY 101, HY 102, HY 121, HY 122, HY 135, HY 136
- B. 9 hours from: AN 100, AN 101, CA 100, CA 211, CJ 105, ECO 215, ECO 216, GEO 114, GEO 115, GS 101, HY 101, HY 102, HY 121, HY 122, HY 135, HY 136, IS 100, IST 201, NAS 101, PSC 130, PSY 120, PSY 250, SY 109, SY 112

Area V (3 Courses, 9-10 Hours)

- A. Foreign Language. 6 hours from any one group:
LG 101 & LG 102, LGS 106 & LGS 107, LGS 110 & LGS 111, LG 111 & LG 112 or proficiency test or LG 113, LG 121 & LG 122, LG 131 & LG 132 or proficiency test or LG 134, LG 141 & LG 142, LG 151 & LG 152 or proficiency test or LG 153, LG 171 & LG 172 or LG 173, LGS 171 & LGS 172

Students may fulfill the foreign language requirement by passing a proficiency test offered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at the level equivalent to the second semester of the foreign language sequence, or by passing another test (e.g., AP (Advanced Placement) or CLEP (College Level Examination Program) at the equivalent level). Students who pass a proficiency test at the level equivalent to first semester of the foreign language sequence are required to complete only the second semester and will fulfill the foreign language requirement with 3 credit hours of course work.

- 2. Natural Sciences/Math. 3-4 hour lab science or math/stat course from:
AN 121 & AN 121L, BLY 101 & BLY 101L or BLY 121 & BLY 121L, BLY 102 & BLY 102L or BLY 122 & BLY 122L, BMD 110, BMD 111, CH 101 & CH 101L, CH 103 & CH 103L, CH 131 & CH 131L, CH 132 & CH 132L, GEO 101 & GEO 101L, GEO

102 & GEO 102L, GY 111 & GY 111L, GY 112 & GY 112L, MAS 134 & MAS 134L, PH 101 & PH 101L, PH 104 & PH 104L, PH 114 & PH 114L, PH 115 & PH 115L, PH 201 & PH 201L, PH 202 & PH 202L, ST 210, MA 113- 299 (except 201 and 202).

Students must complete a 6 credit hour sequence either in literature (Area II – EH 215 & EH 216, EH 225 & EH 226, or EH 235 & EH 236) or history (Area IV – HY 101 & HY 102 or HY 135 & HY 136 or HY 121 & HY 122).

All undergraduates must complete two designated writing credit (W) courses, at least one of which must be in the student's major or minor.

Major Requirements (39 Hours)

English B.A. With Professional Writing And Editing Concentration (16 Courses, 39 Hours)

- A. Survey Sequence - 6 hours from: EH 215/EH 216, EH 225/EH 226, or EH 235/EH 236
- B. Gateway course - 3 hours: EH 300 - Should be completed prior to enrollment in any 400-level English course. Also fulfills technology requirement.
- C. Literature prior to 1660 - 3 hours from: EH 314, EH 315, EH 320, EH 321, EH 324, EH 461, EH 465, EH 467, EH 470, EH 471, EH 472 (NOTE: Classical Mythology EH/PHL/REL/CLA 310 cannot satisfy this requirement.)
- D. British or American Literature, 1600-1900 - 3 hours from: EH 331, EH 332, EH 334, EH 340, EH 342, EH 343, EH 351, EH 352, EH 353, EH 354, EH 462, EH 474, EH 475
- E. Literature after 1900 - 3 hours from: EH 335, EH 357, EH 360, EH 362, EH 363, EH 364, EH 365, EH 366, EH 369, EH 380, EH 463, EH 468, EH 476, EH 478, EH 479
- F. Criticism, Theory, Rhetoric - 3 hours from: EH 402, EH 421, EH 422
- G. Professional Writing and Editing Core courses - 9 hours from: EH 372 or EH 373, EH 404, and EH 405
- H. Professional Writing and Editing courses -additional classes from this list to reach 9 hours from: EH 371, EH 372, EH 373, EH 481, EH 496 (1 or 2 credits)
- I. 400-level courses - at least 9 hours - Note: these can simultaneously fulfill requirements C-I above, with one being Item F.

Minor Requirements (18-24 Hours)

A minor is required for this degree program

Notes:

* English Electives

Additional Information

Coursework requirements for the English BA include:

- 9 hours of 400-level coursework in English at USA.
- 30 hours of 300- or 400-level coursework at USA.
- 39 hours of English coursework, excluding composition. (Only four 200-level courses can count toward this requirement.)
- 15 hours of 300- or 400-level coursework in English at USA.

Graduation Plan

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(39 Total Hours)**First Year - Fall Semester**

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
CAS 100	First Year Experience-College Success	2
EH 101*	English Composition I	3
Math Course	MA 110 or higher	3
Social/Behavioral Elective		3
Fine Arts Elective		3
Total Hours		14

First Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
EH 102 or Honors	English Composition II	3
Humanities Elective		3
CA 110	Public Speaking	3
Natural Science with Lab		4
Social/Behavioral Elective		3
Total Hours		16

Second Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
English Literature		3
Natural Science with Lab		4
Foreign Language I		3
Social/Behavioral Science		3
Minor Course		3
Total Hours		16

Second Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
Natural Science with Lab		4
History	US or Western Civilization	3
Foreign Language II		3
English Literature**		3

EH 300	Introduction to Literary Study	3
Total Hours		16

Third Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
English Elective	Prior 1660	3
English Elective	British or American Lit 1660-1900	3
Elective		3
Minor Course		3
English Elective	EH 372 or EH 373	3
Total Hours		15

Third Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
English Elective	After 1900	3
EH 401, EH 421, or EH 422	Rhetoric or Literary Criticism (W)	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Minor Course		3
Total Hours		15

Fourth Year - Fall Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
English Elective	EH 405	3
English Elective	EH 371, EH 372, EH 373, EH 481, or EH 496	3
English Elective	EH 371, EH 372, EH 373, EH 481, or EH 496	3
Minor Course		3
Minor Course		3
Total Hours		15

Fourth Year - Spring Semester

Course ID	Course Description	Hours
English Elective	EH 404	3

English Elective	EH 371, EH 372, EH 373, EH 481, or EH 496	3
Minor Course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Total Hours		15

Notes

*Recommended Course

**See Degree Requirements

Department Information

Department of English website

<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/artsandsci/english>

Through its focus on the interpretation, analysis, and production of literary and other texts, the English Department teaches students how those texts shape and are shaped by the world around them. In so doing, the Department helps students acquire the critical skills they need to analyze and participate in these interactions and contribute to the shaping of their worlds. The faculty's teaching and research in literature, creative writing, and composition/rhetoric combine to foster excellence in critical reading, creative thinking, and effective writing.

For all students, the Department provides the composition skills essential for success at the University and offers courses introducing the cultural diversity and historical breadth of British, American, and world literatures. For students majoring or minoring in English, the Department teaches critical strategies needed for intensive study in creative writing, professional writing, and in diverse literatures in English. For students pursuing graduate study in English, the Department provides advanced training in creative writing, literary analysis, rhetoric, methods of scholarly research, and critical theory. In all cases, by asking students to read, discuss, and write about a wide variety of texts, the Department promotes an inclusive and evolving understanding of English Studies.

All first-time freshmen must successfully complete CAS 100, First Year Experience, as a degree requirement. Students must enroll during their first term at USA, except for summer-entry students who must enroll in the fall semester following entry.

Honors In English

To be awarded Departmental Honors in English a student must:

1. Complete all the standard requirements for the major in English.
2. Maintain a 3.5 overall GPA (University requirement) and a 3.5 GPA in all course work in English.
3. Receive permission from the Department Chair and agreement from a Department member to serve as mentor.
4. Complete a Senior Honors Thesis (EH 499), with a grade of "A" or "B" in addition to the standard requirements for the English major. EH 499, Senior Honors Thesis (six semester hours credit), may be counted toward three hours of the 39 hours required for the major and toward three hours of the nine 400-level hours required for the major. Thus, the student receiving honors in English will be required to take a total of 42 hours in English instead of 36. In EH 499 the student will normally take three hours in the Fall semester for research and three in the Spring for writing. A final committee of three or more faculty members, including a representative of the University Honors College, will conduct an oral defense. The thesis must be approved by the director of the University Honors College.

PLEASE NOTE: To be eligible to undertake an honors thesis in creative writing, the student must first complete four creative writing courses at the University of South Alabama. This policy on creative writing theses not only applies to students seeking departmental honors but also to students enrolled in the Honors College.

The Accelerated Bachelor's To Master's Program In English (ABM)

See Graduate School Bulletin for rules for all Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Programs <https://www.southalabama.edu/bulletin/current/colleges-schools/graduate-school/index.html>

Program Description

The USA accelerated bachelor's to master's (ABM) in English provides exceptional undergraduate students the opportunity to earn a bachelor's and master's degree at an accelerated pace in English. While still an undergraduate, ABM students may count up to 6 credit hours of graduate course work towards their graduate degree.

Admission Procedures

Prospective Students must:

- Have completed at least 90 credit hours
- Have completed at least 30 credit hours at USA
- Must have at least a 3.5 GPA in EH 300- and 400-level classes

Admission will be based on the applicant's meeting these criteria and the approval of the graduate program coordinator.

Once admitted into the ABM program, students must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and remain in good standing to progress into the graduate program.

Program Procedures

ABM students may begin taking graduate courses after completing at least 90 hours of undergraduate credit.

Up to 6 hours can count toward both degrees (Bachelor's and Master's) if the courses are completed with grades of at least B. Courses with a grade of C can count toward the undergraduate degree but not the graduate degree. Courses with a grade below C cannot count toward the undergraduate or graduate degree. Upon completing the undergraduate degree, students will apply to the English Master's program. ABM students who are in good standing will be accepted into the English Master's program.

Completion of the English M.A. program requires successful completion of all requirements, including at least 36 graduate credit hours. Graduate credit taken while an undergraduate that is completed with at least the grade of B will be transferred into the Master's program upon acceptance and will apply toward the 36 hours required for the Master of Arts degree.

A student who withdraws or is dismissed from the ABM program may not count graduate coursework towards both degrees. Graduate courses for which an undergraduate student did not earn an "A" or "B" grade, may not be counted towards the graduate degree.

An ABM student must be a full-time student and must complete all degree requirements for the master's within three semesters of the semester in which they were admitted to the Graduate School. An exception for a fourth semester may be granted where an additional semester is required for final revisions to and submission of a defended thesis. Exceptions to the ABM policy are at the discretion of the Dean of the Graduate School.

Graduate Studies

The Master of Arts degree program in English is designed to meet the needs of students pursuing a terminal M.A. and of those planning to work toward the Ph.D. and a career in university teaching. The terminal M.A. serves such career tracks as junior college or secondary-school teaching and writing or editing in the business or corporate community. Creative writers find the degree meaningful in careers both in and out of the academic community since the M.A. provides guidance towards book publication and time to study successful literary texts.

Requirements For Admission

Students are admitted each semester. The following criteria supplement the Graduate School criteria (see Categories of Admission):

1. For the Literature Concentration, applicants normally have an undergraduate major or minor in English or at least 21 semester hours of course work in English beyond the freshman level, at least 12 of these hours in upper-division literature courses. For the Creative Writing Concentration, applicants normally have 15 semester hours of course work in English beyond the freshman level. Students lacking prior coursework can complete additional upper-division courses in English to strengthen their applications.
2. Applicants to graduate programs in Arts and Sciences typically have a minimum GPA of at least a 3.0 on all undergraduate work. In exceptional cases, applicants may be considered with at least a 2.5 GPA on all undergraduate

work, or at least a 2.75 GPA on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work. The English Department normally requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 in junior- and senior-level courses presented in fulfillment of requirement 1.

3. All applicants should submit a personal statement of no more than 500 words, a writing sample of 5-15 pages in the area of concentration (creative writing or literature) and three letters of recommendation.*
4. All applicants for whom English is a second language should submit a TOEFL IBT score of at least 79 or IELTS score of at least 6.5. (Note that ESL applicants must apply through the International Admissions Office at USA.)

*Students must specify their concentration at the time of application and may not thereafter change concentrations without the specific approval of the English Department's Graduate Committee.

Graduate Assistantships

The English Department awards both teaching assistantships and research assistantships. Teaching assistantships involve responsibility for freshman composition classes. Graduate students holding research assistantships are usually assigned tasks involving tutoring, research, editing, or administrative/clerical tasks. Awards are normally made for the academic year; occasionally, assistantships become available for spring semester. Applications are taken continuously; competition for appointments begins in February for the following year. See Graduate Coordinator for information and application. (See also Bulletin section on Graduate School, "Assistantships and Fellowships.")