The City College of New York
Department of English

Major Requirements for Students who began the major prior to Fall 2014

Please note: effective Fall 2013, the minimum major GPA requirement for new majors is 2.5.

Majors
36 credits total are required of the English Major. Majors must complete the introductory Gateway classes (6 credits) and take 30 additional credits in one of three areas of concentration. Majors are encouraged to take Literature courses at all levels, but no more than four (4) 200-level courses will count for credit towards the major. No more than 12 transfer credits may be used to fulfill major requirements. Publishing courses do not meet the requirements for either the English major or minor.

Mandatory for All English Majors: Gateway classes (6 credits):
(1) The Gateway classes must be fulfilled through the one-semester Introduction to Literary Study (ENGL 25000)* and an additional 200-level or 300-level elective course (a Genre Survey, Historical Survey, or Representative Writers course). These Gateway classes must be taken at the beginning of your work for the major.

Electives (30 credits in one of the following areas of Concentration):
(2a) Literature Concentration:
30 credits of Literature courses (200-level or above). It is recommended that students study a variety of literary genres and periods. A single elective creative writing course may be taken in place of a literature course. Seniors should consider taking a Capstone seminar (490-level) in place of a 300- or 400-level class.

(2b) Creative Writing Concentration:
18 credits of creative writing courses (22000 and above) and 12 credits of literature (200-level or above). Creative Writing workshops may be taken repeatedly for credit.

(2c) Secondary English Education Concentration:
30 credits in specific course areas required by the state. This concentration is for students planning to teach at the junior-high or high-school levels, and is usually taken in conjunction with English Education courses toward a teaching certificate. See Prof. Andrew Ratner in NAC 5/208 for English Education advising (x5995).

Additional Information on Courses
Each semester the English Department prepares an undergraduate course description booklet providing detailed information on all 22000-and-higher-level courses to be offered in the following semester. Booklets are available in the main office, NAC 6/219.
For more information, advising, walk-in registration, or to sign up as a major or minor, please meet with an undergraduate English advisor in NAC 6/219 or call (212) 650-5407.

*The previous Gateway classes, ENGL 33000, ENGL 33100, and ENGL 31132, will also fulfill the Gateway requirement.
ENGLISH MAJOR CHECKLIST

In addition to satisfying CCNY’s core requirements (checked by the Dean's Office, NAC 5/225), English majors must complete 6 credits of Gateway and 30 additional credits in one of the concentrations outlined below. Please see the reverse side for details on rules and requirements for the major.

MANDATORY GATEWAY COURSES FOR ALL ENGLISH MAJORS:

ENGL 25000 _________ (term taken)
Elective Literature (200- or 300-level) _______/_______ (term taken)

(1) LITERATURE CONCENTRATION

Elective Literature (200-level or above) _______/_______ (term taken)
Elective Literature (200-level or above) _______/_______ (term taken)
Elective Literature (300-level or above) _______/_______ (term taken)
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(2) CREATIVE WRITING CONCENTRATION
(Please note: ENGL 32100 and ENGL 32200 may be taken twice for credit, and ENGL 32000 may be taken three times for credit)

Introduction to Creative Writing (22000) __________ (term taken)
Intermediate Creative Writing (22100) __________ (term taken)
Creative Writing (22000 or above) __________/_________ (term taken)
Creative Writing (23000 or above) __________/_________ (term taken)
Creative Writing (32000 or above) __________/_________ (term taken)
Creative Writing (32000 or above) __________/_________ (term taken)
Elective Literature (200-level or above) __________/_________ (term taken)
Elective Literature (200-level or above) __________/_________ (term taken)
Elective Literature (300-level or above) __________/_________ (term taken)
Elective Literature (300-level or above) __________/_________ (term taken)

(3) SECONDARY ENGLISH EDUCATION CONCENTRATION
(Consult the English Education Program Undergraduate Advisor, Prof. Andrew Ratner (NAC 5/208, x5995)

American Literature _______/_________ (term taken)
Shakespeare __________/_________ (term taken)
Ethnic/Minority/Women's Literature _______/_________ (term taken)
Ethnic/Minority Literature _______/_________ (term taken)
Survey Course (e.g., "Representative Writers of...") _______/_________ (term taken)
Pre-modern/pre-20th-century Literature (not Shakespeare) _______/_________ (term taken)
Advanced Grammar (34200) or Language/Linguistics _______/_________ (term taken)
Elective Creative Writing / Literature _______/_________ (term taken)
Elective Literature (200-level or above) _______/_________ (term taken)
Elective Literature (200-level or above) _______/_________ (term taken)