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Southwestern Adventist University's English department offers a broad range of courses, focusing on traditional literary periods and excellence in writing and grammar. Our major classes are typically small with a great deal of interaction between professor and student. We offer unique opportunities for students planning to teach writing or to become writers with the classwork and tutoring experience English majors receive in the writing center.

Job Market

Many graduates work as teachers in secondary schools and colleges. Other graduates enter professional programs in law, medicine, and business or become qualified to work as reporters, editors, public relations personnel, librarians, copywriters, or technical writers. Still others go on to work in administration, advertising, or retail. The website The Salary Reporter notes, "According to a survey of HR professionals . . . the number one skill missing amongst entry-level job applicants is 'writing skills.'"

Job Outlook

Because English majors acquire highly transferable skills, they can choose from many fields and careers. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, employment for university professors and paralegals is growing much faster than average (12% and 14%, respectively), and employment for high school teachers and writers/authors is projected to grow about 5 percent from 2021 to 2031. In addition, English teaching opportunities in denominational schools have been more available than average for several decades.

Earnings

The median annual salaries in the following areas include technical writer (\$63,921), English professor (assistant level, \$58,824), content manager (\$58,070), high school teacher (\$56,203), copywriter (\$56,198), editor (\$55,647), paralegal (\$54,153), and librarian (\$52,743).

Educational Qualifications

Students planning to teach at the secondary level must complete a certification program. College teachers have no certification requirements but have completed a master's degree and usually have begun work toward a doctorate. Most other entry-level jobs require only a B.A. in English.



Required Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 211	Approaches to Literary Research and Criticism	3
ENGL 321	Literary Theory	3
ENGL 342	Composition Theory and Practice	3
ENGL 416	The Origins of English: Language and Literature	3
ENGL 442	Christians and Literature	3
ENGL 464	Advanced Grammar	3
	Sub-Total Credits	18

Literature Electives Select 5 from the following:

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 221	World Masterpieces: Ancient to Enlightenment	3
ENGL 222	World Masterpieces: Enlightenment to Contemporary	3
ENGL 226	Perspectives in 20th Century Latin American/Latin X Literature	3
ENGL 231	American Literature I	3
ENGL 232	American Literature II	3
ENGL 322	Literary Perspectives (Rotating Content)	3
ENGL 450	Early Modern Literature	3
ENGL 453	Studies in 18th Century Literature	3
ENGL 455	Studies in Romantic Literature	3
ENGL 456	Studies in Victorian Literature	3
ENGL 457	Studies in 20th Century Literature	3
ENGL 459	The American Classics	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Required Cognate

Item #	Title	Credits
COMM 111	Speech	3
	Sub-Total Credits	3

Sample 4 Year Curriculum

General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major please visit: <https://catalog.swau.edu/core-curriculum-for-a-bachelors-degree>

First Year First Semester

NOTE: ENGL 121 and 220 must be completed in sequence during the freshman year before any other course in English can be taken.

Item #	Title	Credits
	Beginning Language Requirement	4
ENGL 121	Freshman Composition	3
MATH 110	College Algebra	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
RELT 101	Christian Beliefs	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

First Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Beginning Language Requirement	4
ENGL 220	Research Writing	3
COMM 111	Speech	3
	Social Science GE Requirement	3
	Elective Course for 120	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Second Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 211	Approaches to Literary Research and Criticism	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Requirement	4
	History GE Requirement	3
RELT 201	Bible Study Methods	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Second Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 321	Literary Theory	3
	English Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Requirement	4
	Kinesiology General Education Requirement	2
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Third Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 342	Composition Theory and Practice	3
	English Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
	History GE Requirement	3
	Fine Arts GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Third Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 416	The Origins of English: Language and Literature	3
ENGL 464	Advanced Grammar	3
	English Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
RELH 230	History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Fourth Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	English Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Religion GE Requirement	3
	Elective Course for 120	3
	Elective Course for 120	3
	Kinesiology GE Requirement	1
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Fourth Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 442	Christians and Literature	3
	English Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Elective Course for 120	3
	Elective Course for 120	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15