

B.A. English, Writing Emphasis

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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	Rhetorical Grammar	3
	Sub-Total Credits	18

Literature Electives Select 2 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	6

Writing Electives Select 3 from the following:

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 333	Narrative Writing	3
ENGL 335	Essay and Opinion Writing	3
ENGL 336	Creative Writing	3
COMM 261	Media Writing I	3
COMM 340	Script Writing	3
COMM 361	Media Writing II	3
	Sub-Total Credits	9

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			First Year Second Semester		
Item #	Title	Credits	Item #	Title	Credits
	Beginning Language Requirement	4		Beginning Language Requirement	4
ENGL 121	Freshman Composition	3	ENGL 220	Research Writing	3
MATH 110	College Algebra	3	COMM 111	Speech	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2		Social Science GE Curriculum Guide	3
RELT 101	Christian Beliefs	3		Elective Course for 120	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15		Sub-Total Credits	16
Second Year First Semester			Second Year Second Semester		
Item #	Title	Credits	Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 342	Composition Theory and Practice	3	ENGL 464	Rhetorical Grammar	3
	Minor Elective	3		English Elective	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Requirement	4		Minor Elective	3
	History GE Requirement	3		Life and Physical Science GE Requirement	4
RELT 201	Bible Study Methods	3		Kinesiology GE Requirement	1
	Sub-Total Credits	16		Sub-Total Credits	14
Third Year First Semester			Third Year Second Semester		
Item #	Title	Credits	Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 211	Approaches to Literary Research and Criticism	3	ENGL 321	Literary Theory	3
	English Elective	3	ENGL 416	The Origins of English: Language and Literature	3
	Minor Elective	3		English Elective	3
	History GE Requirement	3		Minor Elective	3
	Fine Arts GE Requirement	3	RELH 230	History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15		Sub-Total Credits	15
Fourth Year First Semester			Fourth Year Second Semester		
Item #	Title	Credits	Item #	Title	Credits
	English Elective	3	ENGL 442	Christians and Literature	3
	Minor Elective	3		English Elective	3
	Religion GE Requirement	3		Minor Elective	3
	Elective Course for 120	3		Elective Course for 120	3
	Elective Course for 120	3		Elective Course for 120	3
	Kinesiology GE Requirement	1		Sub-Total Credits	15
	Sub-Total Credits	16			