

## 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, technical writers, or 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

English teaching opportunities in denominational schools have been more available than average for several decades. Since an English major graduate learns critical thinking and communication skills, the graduate can choose from a wide variety of fields and careers.

### Earnings

Payscale.com says, "If you want to major in English and earn a lot of money, you don't have to figure out how to do that as a writer. Take your communication and analytical-thinking skills and apply them in other areas." The median annual salaries in the following areas include physician (family practice, \$149,790), attorney/lawyer (\$75,803), proposal manager (\$65,000), university professor (assistant level, \$63,093), non-profit executive director (\$55,200), librarian (\$46,915), editor (\$46,893) and high school teacher (\$44,778).

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.

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## Required Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 211	Approaches to Literary Research and Criticism	3
	ENGL 231 or ENGL 232	3
ENGL 321	Literary Theory	3
ENGL 342	Composition Theory and Practice	3
ENGL 416	The Origins of English: Language and Literature	3
ENGL 440	Senior Project	3
ENGL 464	Advanced Grammar	3
	Sub-Total Credits	21

## Literature Electives

Item #	Title	Credits
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

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 333	Narrative Writing	3
ENGL 335	Essay and Opinion Writing	3
ENGL 339	Poetry Writing	3
ENGL 340	Drama Writing	3
	Sub-Total Credits	6

## 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

Item #	Title	Credits
	Beginning Language Requirement	4
ENGL 121	Freshman Composition	3
	Mathematics GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
	Sub-Total Credits	15

### First Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Beginning Language Requirement	4
COMM 111	Speech	3
ENGL 220	Research Writing	3
	History GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	13

### Second Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 231	American Literature I	3
	History GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Kinesiology GE Curriculum Guide	1
	Intermediate Language Requirement	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Curriculum Guide	4
	Minor Elective	3
	Sub-Total Credits	17

### Second Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 211	Approaches to Literary Research and Criticism	3
ENGL 321	Literary Theory	3
	Intermediate Language Requirement	3
	Life and Physical Science GE Curriculum Guide	4
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

### Third Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 342	Composition Theory and Practice	3
ENGL 464	Advanced Grammar	3
	English Major Electives for Curriculum Guide	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Social Science GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

### Third Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	English Major Electives for Curriculum Guide	3
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	Fine Arts GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Kinesiology GE Curriculum Guide	1
	Minor Elective	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

### Fourth Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Electives for 120	3
ENGL 416	The Origins of English: Language and Literature	3
	English Major Electives for Curriculum Guide	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

### Fourth Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Electives for 120	3
ENGL 440	Senior Project	3
	English Major Electives for Curriculum Guide	3
	Minor Elective	3
	Religion GE Curriculum Guide	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

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