ENGLISH (ENGL)

# Course numbers with the # symbol included (e.g. #400) have not been taught in the last 3 years.

**ENGL 800 - Studies in Literature**
Credits: 4
Students in the MAT, MEd, and MST programs, as well as non-degree students, can register for graduate course work in English under this number. The precise topics and focus of each section vary. Topics include Old English Literature, Medieval Literature, 16th century, 17th century, 18th century, English Romantic Period, Victorian Period, 20th and 21st Century, Drama, Novel, Poetry, Fiction, Nonfiction, A Literary Problem, Literature of the Renaissance, Postcolonial Literature, 20th to 21st Century American Literature. Barring duplication of subject, may be repeated for credit. Note: Students in the MA and PhD programs in English may not take English 800 for credit toward their degrees. English 800 will only be offered on the Manchester campus.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

**ENGL 803T - Travel Writing**
Credits: 4
A graduate workshop devoted to reading and writing narratives of place. Travel writing requires the author to research and reflect, exploring both the external—the place—and the internal—the author’s experience. Students write multiple travel pieces and widely read essays of place by writers such as Tom Bissell, John Steinbeck, Pico Iyer, Stephanie Grist, and Eliza Griswold. Course may be repeated for credit with permission.
Co-requisite: INCO 589
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Equivalent(s): ENGL 803
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

**ENGL 804 - Advanced Nonfiction Writing**
Credits: 4
This workshop embraces all forms of narrative nonfiction, including essays, memoir, literary journalism, and travel writing. Students write multiple pieces that serve as the heart of class discussion. In addition, the class discusses elements of craft and a myriad of selected readings that reflect the genre’s range. May be repeated for credit with approval of the MFA director.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 24 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

**ENGL 805 - Advanced Poetry Workshop**
Credits: 4
Workshop discussion of advanced writing problems and submitted poems. Individual conferences with instructor. Prereq: writing poetry or equivalent. Written permission of instructor required for registration. May be repeated for credit with the approval of the department chairperson.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

**ENGL 806 - The Art of Research for Creative Writers**
Credits: 4
Many writers think that the heart of creative nonfiction is style, but in truth, the genre’s soul is in its content. This course covers tools such as intimate reporting, periodicals, the Internet, and first-hand observation to research people, places, issues, and history. The skills learned will serve graduate students of all kinds of writing, from fiction to academic. Permission of instructor required.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

**ENGL 807 - Fiction: Form and Technique**
Credits: 4
A writer’s view of the forms, techniques, and theories of fiction. The novels, short stories, and works of criticism studied vary, depending on the instructor.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

**ENGL 808 - Nonfiction: Form and Technique**
Credits: 4
A writer’s view of contemporary nonfiction, emphasizing the choices the writer faces in the process of research and writing.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

**ENGL 809 - Poetry: Form and Technique**
Credits: 4
A writer’s view of the problems, traditions, and structures of poetry.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

**ENGL 810 - Teaching Writing**
Credits: 1-6
An introduction to various methods of teaching writing. Combines a review of theories, methods, and texts with direct observation of teaching practice.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

**ENGL 812 - Writing the Creative Nonfiction Book**
Credits: 4
In this course, students learn to flesh out an idea for a book of creative nonfiction, which could either be literary journalism - a tale based on reportage - or memoir. Students focus on pulling multiple themes together in a strong narrative. By semester’s end, students have written a book proposal and a first chapter. Students are asked to arrive at the first class with a topic researched enough to begin the book process. Permission of instructor required.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

**ENGL 814 - Critical Skills**
Credits: 4
This course provides training in critical analysis of various texts (literature, film, and media). Criticism is often applied to the hot-button issues of the day. We ask questions like: How does gender shape the way we read? How to interpret texts in a globalized world? Does the truth matter? This course satisfies a post-1800 literature requirement for English Department majors; may be taken for elective credit by English Teaching Majors.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

**ENGL 815 - Teaching English as a Second Language: Theory and Methods**
Credits: 4
A course on the linguistic, psychological, and sociological theories that inform our understanding of language acquisition and current best practices in the teaching of ESOL. Provides an overview of first and second language acquisition, bilingualism, learner individual differences (e.g. age, motivation, aptitude, learning strategies), and sociocultural contexts of ESL teaching and learning.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade
ENGL 816 - Curriculum, Materials and Assessment in English as a Second Language
Credits: 4
A hands-on approach to developing curriculum and course material for teaching English as a Second Language. Students work on lesson plan development (needs analysis, objective writing, task sequencing, assessment of proficiency and objectives). Conduct ESL classroom observations, and engage in teaching demonstrations.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 817 - Languages in Contact
Credits: 4
This course will explore topics related to languages in contact, including borrowing, code-switching, second language acquisition, bilingual mixed languages, language shift and maintenance, pidgins and creoles, and the linguistic and social factors which play a role in language contact.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 818 - Morphology
Credits: 4
Morphology is the study of word formation and the mental lexicon. This course explores processes of derivation, compounding and inflection that allow us to form new words. Students will become proficient in analyzing word formation processes in English and other languages, including deploying terminology used by morphologists. Students will learn and practice the conversations of "writing like a linguist".
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 819 - Sociolinguistics Survey
Credits: 4
How language varies according to the characteristics of its speakers: age, sex, ethnicity, attitude, time, and class. Quantitative analysis methods; relationship to theoretical linguistics. Focus is on English, but some other languages are examined. Prereq: introduction to linguistics or permission.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 827 - Issues in Second Language Writing
Credits: 4
Study of various issues in second language writing theory, research, instruction and administration. Topics include the characteristics and needs of second language writers, second language writing processes, contrastive rhetoric, grammar instruction, teacher and peer feedback, assessment, course design and placement.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 829 - Spec Top/Composition Studies
Credits: 4
Advanced course on a topic chosen by the instructor. Precise topics and methods of each section vary. Possible topics include: alternative discourses and rhetorics; contrastive rhetoric; electronic discourse and digital rhetoric; women’s rhetoric and feminist pedagogies; Montaigne and the essay tradition; theories of literacy; theories of persuasive writing; theories of transactional writing; and written discourse analysis. Barring duplication of subject, may be repeated for credit. For details see the course descriptions available in the English Department.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 852 - History of the English Language
Credits: 4
Evolution of English from the Anglo-Saxon period to the present day. Relations between linguistic change and literary style.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 858 - Shakespeare
Credits: 4
A few plays studied intensively. Live and filmed performances included as available.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 879 - Linguistic Field Methods
Credits: 4
Devoted to the study, with use of an informant, of some non-Indo-European language that is unfamiliar to both the students and the instructor at the beginning of the class. The primary aim of the course is to give students a practical introduction to linguistic analysis without the support of a text. Theoretical concepts are introduced as needed.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 892 - Teaching Literature and Literacy
Credits: 4
This course introduces theories and practices of teaching literature and literacy, including teaching reading and writing as well as teaching literary analysis at the secondary level. Students also learn to plan lessons, choose texts, and create learning activities for speaking, listening, and viewing in grade five through twelve. The course is designed for students who are interested in teaching as a possible career.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 893 - Phonetics and Phonology
Credits: 4
The sounds and sound systems of English in the context of linguistic theory: comparisons of English to other languages. Prereq: a basic linguistic course or permission. (Not offered every year.)
Grade Mode: Letter Grade
ENGL 904 - Syntax
Credits: 4
The relationship of grammar and meaning as viewed from the standpoint of modern linguistic theory. Emphasis on the syntax and semantics of English, with special attention to the construction of arguments for or against particular analyses. (Also offered as ENGL/LING 794). Prereq: a basic linguistic course or permission of the instructor.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 906 - The Internship Experience
Credits: 4
Students work with their peers to establish a personal definition of professionalism in their respective fields; they will read, critically analyze, and discuss articles covering a wide variety of topics, including writing at work, intended audiences, navigating a difficult work environment or situation, and strategies for professional development. Class sessions in a discussion format, intended to be flexible and to directly support the changing needs of writing in the workplace. Students, along with their supervisors, will create their own learning objectives and evaluation tools. Students will write about their experiences at the end of term. Prereqs: ENGL 419 and ENGL 502 or ENGL 602. Minimum GPA 3.0 required for registration. FR/SO status students excluded. Not open to ENGL/Teaching majors.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 897 - Special Studies in Literature
Credits: 4
A) Old English Literature; B) Medieval Literature; C) 16th Century; D) 17th Century; E) 18th Century; F) English Romantic Period; G) Victorian Period; H) 20th Century; I) Drama; J) Novel; K) Poetry; L) Nonfiction; M) American Literature; N) A Literary Problem; O) Literature of the Renaissance. The precise topics and methods of each section vary. Barring duplication of subject, may be repeated for credit. For details, see the course descriptions available in the English department.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 898 - Special Studies in Creative Writing
Credits: 4
Courses offered under this number focus on topics within creative writing, such as poetic influences, the short story form, and writing the novel. The precise topics and methods of each section vary. Barring duplication of subject, course may be repeated for credit. For details, see the course descriptions available in the English Department.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 899 - Master of Fine Arts in Writing Thesis
Credits: 1-8
Eight credits required, that can be taken in any combination during the student's academic coursework. IA (Continuous grading). Cr/F.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Grade Mode:

ENGL 901 - Advanced Writing of Fiction
Credits: 4
Workshop discussion of advanced writing problems and readings of students' fiction. Individual conferences with instructor. Prereq: writing fiction or equivalent. Written permission of the instructor required for registration. May be repeated for credit with the approval of the department chairperson.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 902 - Issues in Teaching English and the Language Arts
Credits: 1-6
Special topics in the teaching of English and the language arts. Inquire at the English department to see what topics in the teaching of reading, writing, literature, or language arts may be scheduled. Open only to graduate students with a professional interest in teaching or to practicing teachers. 1-6 credits depending on the specific course.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade
ENGL 922 - Advanced Topics in Literacy Instruction
Credits: 1-6
Specialized study of literacy topics that may include: A) Nature Journaling; B) Gender and Literacy; C) Digital Storytelling; D) Multigenre Writing; E) Assessment; F) Capstone Project; and G) Literacy Problem.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 924 - Professional Preparation
Credits: 2
This 2-credit course, offered in alternate years, is designed primarily to help doctoral students prepare to enter the profession. It takes up such topics as writing a resume or curriculum vitae, presenting a conference paper, submitting an article, applying for a job, and interviewing. Cr/F.
Grade Mode:

ENGL 925 - Graduate Study of Literature
Credits: 4
Techniques, resources, and purposes of literary study: close reading; practical criticism; critical theories and their values; pertinence of intellectual and historical backgrounds. Approaches applied to a specific area of literary study, which varies from year to year.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 926 - Seminar: Studies in American Literature
Credits: 4
May be repeated.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 927 - Seminar: Literature of Early America
Credits: 4
May be repeated.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 928 - Seminar: Studies in 19th Century American Literature
Credits: 4
May be repeated.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 929 - Seminar: Studies in 20th Century American Literature
Credits: 4
May be repeated.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 930 - Seminar: Studies in Shakespeare
Credits: 4
May be repeated.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 931 - Seminar: Studies in Milton
Credits: 4
May be repeated.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 932 - Seminar: Studies in 18th Century Literature
Credits: 4
May be repeated.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 933 - Seminar: Studies in the Victorian Period
Credits: 4
May be repeated.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 934 - Seminar: Studies in 20th Century British Literature
Credits: 4
May be repeated.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 981 - Seminar: Studies in Post-Colonial Literatures in English
Credits: 4
May be repeated.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 994 - Practicum in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
Credits: 2-6
Students have an opportunity to observe and discuss ESL classes and to design and carry out their own lessons, with follow-up evaluation. Cr/F.
Grade Mode:

ENGL 995 - Independent Study
Credits: 1-8
To be elected only with permission of the director of graduate studies and of the supervising faculty member.
Grade Mode: Letter Grade

ENGL 996 - Reading and Research
Credits: 2-8
Cr/F.
Grade Mode:

ENGL 998 - Master's Paper
Credits: 4
Cr/F. IA (Continuous grading).
Grade Mode:

ENGL 999 - Doctoral Research
Credits: 0
Cr/F.
Grade Mode: