ENGLISH/JOURNALISM MAJOR (B.A.)

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Description

In our digital age, the ability to evaluate, edit, package and communicate information has become crucial to many, if not most, careers. Founded on the study of literature, the oldest form of story-telling, our English/journalism major prepares students for success in the media or any vocation that requires strong research and communications skills. Learn the basics: interviewing, fact gathering, verification and writing in both news and feature styles. Then broaden your repertoire by producing stories for digital platforms using audio, photo, video and data visualization.

Requirements

English/journalism majors must complete ENGL 401 First-Year Writing before taking the first journalism course, ENGL 534 21st Century Journalism: How the News Works. After completing ENGL 534 21st Century Journalism: How the News Works, majors may move on to ENGL 621 Newswriting. Journalism majors must complete classes taken for major credit with a grade of C- or better, with the exception of ENGL 419 How to Read Anything and the course taken for Capstone credit.

Declaration form at the time of registration. Capstone course credit may not be applied retroactively.

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Capstone: Any English course at the 700 level (except ENGL 795).

1. Must be completed with a minimum grade of C. ENGL 419 How to Read Anything is the only 400-level class that may count towards the English/Journalism major. ENGL 415s, “Literature and...” courses, and ENGL 444s will NOT count towards this major.

2. English courses with a journalism focus are ENGL 534, ENGL 621, ENGL 623, ENGL 631, ENGL 703T, ENGL 711, ENGL 712, ENGL 720, ENGL 721, ENGL 722, ENGL 723, ENGL 725.

3. Capstone course may not be double-counted towards other major requirement areas. Minimum grade required: C. ENGL 788 Senior Honors written as part of the English Honors in Major program may be used as a Capstone course. Students must submit a Capstone
ENGL 758R  Advanced Shakespeare
ENGL 774R  Modern & Contemporary British Literature: New Departures
ENGL 778  Race and Gender in Film and Popular Culture
ENGL 787R  English Major Seminar
ENGL 797R  Special Studies in Literature (Race & Racial Theories)

(Note: the course used to fulfill this requirement may be double counted as one of the pre-1800 and post-1800 literature courses required for this major.)

Please see your advisor if you have questions about other courses that might fulfill these requirements.

Certain courses publish student writing digitally, at times in collaboration with professional news outlets. Students are also encouraged to write and edit for student publications such as *The New Hampshire* and *Main Street Magazine*.

Candidates for a degree must satisfy all of the University Discovery Program requirements in addition to satisfying the requirements of each individual major program. Bachelor of arts candidates must also satisfy the foreign language proficiency requirement.

English/journalism majors may use one major-required course to satisfy one Discovery category requirement.

Majors may only count one online course toward their English major requirements.

Students interested in the English/journalism major should see Carla Cannizzaro, academic/career counselor, Department of English, 230F Hamilton Smith Hall, (603) 862-1313, or the director of the Journalism Program, Prof. Tom Haines.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

English Department Student Learning Outcomes: Undergraduate program
Undergraduate students in the English Department at the University of New Hampshire have many options as they advance to degree. They can choose to complete a general English major or opt to follow one of several specialized tracks: English Literature, Journalism, English Teaching, and Linguistics.

I. All undergraduate English majors acquire the same core skills. These include:

- Proficiency in analytical writing, critical thinking, and public-speaking.
- Knowledge of important literary genres and subgenres
- Fluency in literary terminology,
- A broad understanding of British-and-American literature, from the medieval period in England and the moment of first contact in America to the present day.
- Demonstrated proficiency in writing an analytical essay that offers a sophisticated close-reading or explication of a literary text. This essay will have a clear thesis and proceed in a logical fashion, with interpretive claims supported by evidence from the text.
- Demonstrated proficiency in literary research and in writing an extended thesis-driven research paper in which sources are correctly and responsibly cited.
- Demonstrated understanding of how to read across the color line in the US and /or how to analyze literary works written in English from outside the UK and the US—from India, Africa, and the Caribbean, for example.

II. Students in our major tracks acquire the following specialized skills.

(1) English / Journalism majors will be able to:

- Demonstrate proficiency in a wide range of reporting skills (i.e., finding trends, understanding context, editing, and so forth).
- Find and interview credible sources.
- Know how to write feature articles, profiles, and other kinds of news stories.

(2) English Teaching Majors will be able to:

- Design activities, lessons, and units to meet established standards and objectives in writing and language.