ENGLISH/JOURNALISM MAJOR (B.A.)

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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.

Code Title Credits
ENGL 401 First-Year Writing 1 4
ENGL 419 Writing About Literature 2 4
Select one pre-1800 literature course (select from list below) 4
Select one post-1800 literature course (select from list below) 4
Select one course that addresses race, the construction of race, and racial theories (select from list below) 4
ENGL 534 21st Century Journalism: How the News Works 4
ENGL 621 Newswriting 4
ENGL 631 Digital Reporting 4
Select three additional journalism courses from the following: 8
ENGL 623 Creative Nonfiction
ENGL #703 Travel Writing
ENGL #708 Nonfiction: Form and Technique
ENGL 711 Editing
ENGL 712 Multimedia Storytelling
ENGL 722 Feature Writing
ENGL 724 Sports Writing
ENGL 735 Entrepreneurial Journalism
Capstone:
ENGL 720 Journalism Internship 1-16
Select a three-course concentration in another area 3 12

Because media outlets expect even entry-level staff to have an area of expertise, English/Journalism majors must take a three-course concentration in another field, such as sociology, German, environmental science, criminal justice, or other English disciplines (e.g., African American studies). Courses taken for a minor will count toward the three-course concentration.

Pre-1800 Literature Courses

Code Title Credits
ENGL 512 British Literature I Age of Heroes: Beowulf to Dr. Faustus 4
ENGL 513 British Literature II Age of Revolutions: Shakespeare to Austen 4
ENGL 657 Shakespeare 4
ENGL 741 Literature of Early America 4
ENGL 751 Medieval Epic and Romance 4
ENGL #753 Old English 4
ENGL #756 Chaucer 4
ENGL 758 Advanced Shakespeare 4
ENGL 759 Milton 4
ENGL 767 Literature of the Restoration and Early 18th Century 4
ENGL 768 Literature of the Later 18th Century 4
ENGL #780 Drama of Shakespeare’s Contemporaries: Will and Company 4
ENGL #781 English Drama, 1660-1800 4
ENGL 783 English Novel of the 18th Century 4

Other courses may count. Please see your advisor if you have questions about other courses that might fulfill this requirement.

Post-1800 Literature Courses

Code Title Credits
ENGL 514 British Literature III: Revolts, Renewals, Migrations 4
ENGL #515 American Literature I Conquest and Nation: First Contact to the Civil War 4
ENGL 516 American Literature II Money, Migration, and Modernity: Huck Finn to Beloved 4
ENGL #609 Ethnicity in America: The African American Experience in the 20th Century 4
ENGL 650 Studies in American Literature and Culture 1 4
ENGL 681 Introduction to African Literatures in English 4
ENGL 690 Introduction to African American Literature in America 4
ENGL 739 American Indian Literature 4
ENGL 742 American Literature, 1815-1865 4
ENGL #743 American Literature, 1865-1915 4
ENGL #744 American Literature, 1915-1945 4
ENGL 745 Contemporary American Literature 4
ENGL 746 Studies in American Drama 4
ENGL 747 Studies in American Poetry 4
ENGL #748 Studies in American Fiction 4
ENGL #749 Major American Authors 4
ENGL #769 English Romantic Period 4
ENGL 771 English Victorian Period 4

1 With a B or better, or the AP or transfer credit equivalent
2 This must be completed with a minimum grade of C. ENGL 419 Writing About Literature is the only 400-level class that may count towards the English/Journalism major. ENGL #403 Exploring Literature, ENGL 415s, “Literature and...” courses, and ENGL 444s will NOT count towards this major.
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ENGL #772 English Victorian Period 4
ENGL 773 Literary Modernisms: Return, Revolt, Recycle 4
ENGL 774 Modern & Contemporary British Literature: New Departures 4
ENGL 777 The English Novel in the World 4
ENGL 784 English Novel of the 19th Century 4

1 If topic is appropriate. (Please see your advisor if you have questions about other courses that might fulfill this requirement.)

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Courses That Address Race, the Construction of Race, and Racial Theories

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(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.)

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. Beyond these requirements, majors work at one media internship for a semester (ENGL 720 Journalism Internship). Students must get a B or better in ENGL 621 Newswriting, complete ENGL 631 Digital Reporting and have permission of the ENGL 631 instructor to do the internship. A faculty member supervises the internships, which are central to the English/journalism major, requiring students to use their new skills in a professional environment.

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, coordinator of the Department of English, 230F Hamilton Smith Hall, (603) 862-1313, or the director of the Journalism Program.