

ENGLISH-BA - LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE[HTTPS://WWW.GVSU.EDU/ENGLISH/](https://www.gvsu.edu/english/)THIS IS A **GENERAL** CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.**Sample Plan – please see advisor to make a personalized plan.**

Year One		Year Three	
Classes in the major: ENG 261 (3) ENG Foundation (3)	Other Classes: WRT 150 ¹ (4) MTH 110 (4) GEN ED (3) GEN ED (3) GEN ED (3) Language 101 ³ (4) Language 102 ³ (4)	Classes in the major: ENG 3XX (3) ENG 3XX (3) ENG 3XX (3) ENG 3XX/4XX (3)	Other classes: GEN ED (3) GEN ED (3) ISSUES (3) Elective/Minor (3) Elective/Minor (3) Elective/Minor (3)
Year Two		Year Four	
Classes in the major: ENG Foundation (3) ENG 2XX (3) ENG 2XX (3) ENG 2XX/3XX (3)	Other classes: Language 201 (4) GEN ED (3) GEN ED (3) GEN ED (3) Elective/Minor (3) Elective/Minor (3)	Classes in the major: ENG 3/4XX (3) ENG 4XX (3) ENG 495 (3)	Other Classes ISSUES (3) GEN ED (3) GEN ED (3) Elective/Minor (3) Elective/Minor (3) Elective/Minor (3) Elective/Minor (3)

* The block tuition rate is 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15. **You MUST obtain at least 120 credits total.**

¹ Students who self-place into WRT 150 (4 Credits) for their writing foundations requirement should take this course in semester 1 of their first year. Students who self-place into WRT120 (3 Credits) should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 130 (3 Credits) in the winter semester of the first year. A grade of C or higher is required in WRT 130 or WRT 150 to fulfill the writing foundations requirement. Students will not need to take WRT 150 (or 120 & 130) if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment.

² Students must complete a total of two courses with an SWS attribute.

³ English students must complete a Bachelor of Arts requirement; the BA degree requirements are three semesters of a foreign language (Lang 101, Lang 102, Lang 201), or the four designated American Sign Language Courses, (ASL 201, 202, 203, 421).

Guide for Declaring the English major with Language and Literature Emphasis

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select "Student", "Student Records", and then, "Change Major"
3. Click on the "Change Major 1/Program" box
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to "New Major 1/Program," from here scroll down and choose "English-BA Language and Literature"
5. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program"

General Education Overlap

General Education Categories fulfilled by the English Language and Literature major:	
Global Perspectives: ENG 204, ENG 337	Supplemental Writing Skills: ENG 215, 221
US Diversity: ENG 335	Issues: ENG 314, 331, 335, 337, 382, 384, 386, or 388

Specific major requirements and electives on page 2.

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.

The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585.

Online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>

ENGLISH-BA-LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE[HTTPS://WWW.GVSU.EDU/ENGLISH/](https://www.gvsu.edu/english/)**English Major-Language and Literature emphasis (39 credits)****Foundation Courses (9 credits)***Complete these courses by the end of your third semester.*

- **ENG 215 Foundations of Literary Study: Genre (3)**
Prerequisite: General Education Foundations – Writing
- **ENG 216 Foundations of Literary Study: Critical Approaches (3)**
Prerequisite: General Education Foundations – Writing
- **ENG 261 Foundations of Language Study (3)**

Capstone (3 credits)*Capstone must be taken in fall or winter semester*

- **ENG 495 Language and Literature (capstone) (3)**
Prerequisites: English foundation courses and senior standing

Categorical Courses & Elective Requirements (27 credits) *see below for elective options*

- **ENG Category A (American Literature) _____(3)**
- **ENG Category B (British Literature) _____(3)**
- **ENG Category C (International Literature) _____(3)**
- **ENG Category D (Approaches to Literature) _____(3)**
- **ENG Category E (Approaches to Language) _____(3)**
- **ENG 400 level elective (Categories A-D) _____(3)**
- **ENG Elective (categories A-E) _____(3)**
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Sub requirements:

- A minimum of 15 credits at the 300+ level in Categories A-E are required. A minimum of one 400-level course is required. ENG 495 may not satisfy this requirement.
- Historical Periods: at least one course in each time period is required. See elective options below for time periods.
 - ☐ Pre-1700 Literature _____
 - ☐ 18th/19th Century Literature _____
 - ☐ 20th/21st Century Literature _____
- Category F is for education majors only.

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Third semester (201 level) proficiency is required. This may be fulfilled through language placement (<https://gvsulrc.notion.site/Language-proficiency-requirements-and-assessments-at-GVSU-90cd81e41f16456fbfbf335e0667e5d6>) or by completing the courses listed below.

- **Language 101* (4)**
- **Language 102* (4)** (*150 covers 101 & 102. Recommended for students with previous language background. Meets 201 prerequisite.)
- **Language 201 (4)**

English Elective Categories

Category A: American Literature	Category C: International Literature	Category E: Approaches to Language
ENG 225 American Literature I: to 1860 ^{1 & 2} ENG 226 American Literature II: from 1860 ^{2 & 3} ENG/AAA 231 Early African American Literature ² ENG/AAA 232 Modern African American Literature ³ ENG 328 Contemporary American Literature ³ ENG 334 American Multicultural Literature for Children & Young Adults ENG 335 Literature of American Minorities ⁴	ENG 204 Mythology ENG 303 Studies in World Literature ⁴ ENG 304 International Literature for Children and Young Adults ⁴ ENG 378 Contemporary Latin American Literature ³ ENG 388 Emigration and Immigration in Contemporary World Literature	ENG 362 History of the English Language ENG 363 Applied Linguistics ENG 364 Sociolinguistics ENG 365 Teaching English as a Second Language ENG 366 English Grammar and Usage ENG 390 Topics in Language and Rhetoric ENG 392 Language and Power ENG/WGS 461 Language and Gender ENG 465 L2 Reading and Writing ENG 469 ESL Teaching Practicum
Category B: British Literature	Category D: Approaches to Literature	Courses that may not be used
ENG 220 British Literature I ^{1 & 2} ENG 221 British Literature II ^{2 & 3} ENG 313 British Literature: Shakespeare ¹	ENG/DS 314 Digital Literacy ENG 320 Studies in Poetry ⁴ ENG 330 Studies in Fiction ⁴ ENG 331 Comics and Graphic Novels ³ ENG 336 Lesbian, Gay, and Queer Literature ³ ENG/AAA 337 Contemporary Black Literature ³ ENG 340 Studies in Drama ⁴ ENG 360 Studies in Non-Fiction ⁴ ENG 380 Topics in Literature ⁴ ENG 382 Literature and the Environment ³ ENG 384 Literary Responses to War and Peace ⁴ ENG 386 Literary Responses to Death and Dying ⁴ ENG 436 Women and Literature ⁴ ENG 440 Studies in Major Author(s) ⁴ ENG 445 Studies in Literary Criticism and Theory ⁴	The following courses do not count towards the English Language and Literature Major: ENG 100, ENG 103, ENG 105, ENG 112, ENG 115, ENG 201, ENG 301, ENG 307, ENG 309, ENG 310, ENG 311, ENG 355, ENG 370, ENG 400, and ENG 401 ¹ Historical Period 1: Pre-1700 Literature ² Historical Period 2: 18 th /19 th Century Literature ³ Historical Period 3: 20 th /21 st Century Literature ⁴ Varies by semester, consult instructor