

ENGLISH MAJOR (A)

The English Department of Concordia University offers core general education courses in writing and literature, along with teaching and non-teaching major and minor programs. The department's offerings emerge directly from the mission and purpose of the institution: "Concordia's programs promote intellectual development and self knowledge for the student's personal growth and well-being. They nurture religious commitment, provide insights for Christian action in the world, and facilitate the ability to communicate effectively." Coursework in English includes the study of language, literature, and expression, fosters an increased understanding of the creative process, provides insight into the moral and ethical dimensions of ideas, and, in the Christian context provided by this university, demonstrates the value of a life of intellectual curiosity. Furthermore, skills in communication and critical thinking establish the kind of educational foundation that allows English graduates to successfully pursue such professions as teaching, writing, editing, business, law, library science, and more.

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Program Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Demonstrate an increased understanding of the creative process,
- Analyze literary texts with insight into moral and ethical ideas,
- Recognize values of a life of intellectual curiosity,
- Demonstrate familiarity with English and American literature,
- Employ interpretive skills and critical methods,
- Communicate complex ideas through writing,
- Demonstrate an appreciation for the nature and use of language,
- Demonstrate familiarity with world and non-western literature,
- Understand and apply knowledge about literary forms.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements (https://catalog.cuw.edu/undergraduate/university/acad-prog/trad/core/)		45
Major Requirements		39
Electives		36
Minor: Optional		
Total Hours		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses		
ENG 190	Intro to English Studies ¹	
Required Major Courses		
Language		
ENG 305	English Grammar and Usage	3
ENG 365	History of the English Language	3
Expression		

ENG 245	Advanced Writing	3
or ENG 246	Creative Writing	
American Literature		
ENG 341	American Literature I	3
ENG 342	American Literature II	3
English Literature		
ENG 344	British Literature I	3
ENG 345	British Literature II	3
Other Requirements		
ENG 465	Shakespeare	3
ENG 475	Literary Criticism	3
ENG 495	Senior Seminar	3
Major Electives		
Select nine credits of English electives		9
Total Hours		39

¹ Optional but strongly preferred for English majors, satisfies core writing requirement.