



2006 – 07 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: English

Concentration: Writing

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About This Major . . .

The English Department at Mesa State College offers programs leading to a Bachelor of Arts in Literature, Creative Writing, Secondary Education and Technical Writing. The skills a student develops as an English major, such as writing, editing, problem solving, critical thinking and analysis, are highly prized by employers in nearly every profession. The department is proud of what it offers – cultural experiences, unique and interesting courses and instruction, committed faculty and support staff and a desire to provide the best liberal arts education possible.

Many occupations require individuals who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with others on a team. This means that English graduates use their education in a wide variety of fields, and your future career may relate more to your personal career interests, work values and transferable skills than anything specific to the content of your major. Who hires English Majors? Book publishers, magazines, arts organizations, political offices, large corporations, radio/television stations, advertising agencies, social service agencies, chambers of commerce, research institutions, marketing consultants, newspapers, greeting card publishers, law firms, public interest organizations, consumer action groups, health organizations, educational institutions, literary agencies, theaters, printing firms, high tech firms, tutoring services, public and corporate libraries, government agencies, and public relations firms.

POLICIES:

- 1. It is your responsibility to determine whether you have met the requirements for your degree. Please see the MSC Catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.
2. You must turn in your "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office by September 15 if you plan to graduate the following May, and by February 15 if you plan to graduate the following December.
3. This program sheet must be submitted with your graduation planning sheet to your advisor during the semester prior to the semester of graduation, no later than October 1 for spring graduates, no later than March 1 for fall graduates.
4. Your advisor will sign and forward the Program Sheet and Graduation Planning Sheet to the Department Head for signature.
5. Finally, the Department Head or the department administrative assistant will take the signed forms to the Registrar's Office. (Students cannot handle the forms once the advisor signs.)
6. If your petition for graduation is denied, it will be your responsibility to reapply for graduation in a subsequent semester. Your "Intent to Graduate" does not automatically move to a later graduation date.
7. NOTE: The semester before graduation, you will be required to take a Major Field Achievement Test (exit exam).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT ID # \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_
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I, (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I have completed (or will complete) all the courses listed on the Program Sheet. I further certify that the grade listed for those courses is the final course grade received except for the courses in which I am currently enrolled and the courses which I complete next semester. I have indicated the semester in which I will complete these courses.

Signature of Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

Signature of Department Head \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

Signature of Registrar \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

- Must earn 120 semester hours and meet the academic residency requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree at Mesa State College.
- Must earn a minimum of 40 semester hours in upper division courses (i.e., 300-level and 400-level courses).
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher must be maintained for all courses taken and for all courses in the major.
- All English majors must maintain at least a 3.0 average in their upper division ENGL courses.
- When filling out this program sheet a course can only be used once, i.e., no double counting is allowed between categories.
- Excess KINA/HPWE courses beyond the two required and pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- All degree requirements must be completed as described. Any exceptions or substitutions must be recommended in advance by the faculty advisor and approved by the Department Head.
- It is recommended that students work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting courses and scheduling classes prior to registration.
- Students are required to participate in exit examinations or other programs deemed necessary to comply with the college accountability requirement.

**General Education Requirements** (Minimum of 33 semester hours) See the M.S.C. catalog for the list of courses that meet the general education categories.

<u>Course</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Trns/Subs</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Trns/Subs</u>
<b>English:</b> ENGL 111 and 112 (6 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or higher, must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)							<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences:</b> (6 Semester Hours)						
*ENGL	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
*ENGL	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Fine Arts:</b> (3 semester hours)						
*ENGL 129, Honors English, may be substituted for ENGL 111 and ENGL 112. Must earn a grade of "C" or better. May need to take additional electives.							_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Math:</b> MATH 110 or higher (3 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or better, must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)							<b>Natural Sciences:</b> (6 semester hours) (At least one course must include a lab)						
MATH	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Humanities:</b> (6 semester hours)							<b>Applied Studies:</b> (3 semester hours)						
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Other Requirements** (9 semester hours)

<b>Kinesiology:</b> (3 Semester Hours)							<b>Bachelor of Arts Degree Distinction:</b> (6 semester hours) (Two consecutive classes in the same foreign language.)						
<u>Course</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Trns/Subs</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Trns/Subs</u>
KINE/HPWA	100	1	_____	_____	_____	_____	FLA	_____	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
KINA/HPWE	_____	1	_____	_____	_____	_____	FLA	_____	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
KINA/HPWE	_____	1	_____	_____	_____	_____	(FLAS 114 & 115 will NOT fulfill this requirement.) (Must receive a grade of "C" or above.)						
See the M.S.C. catalog for the list of approved KINA/HPWE/Selected DANC courses.													

**English – Writing Major Requirements (48 semester hours)**

All English majors must maintain at least a 3.0 average in their upper division ENGL courses.

<b>English Core</b> (18 semester hours)													
<u>Course</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Trns/Subs</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Trns/Subs</u>
ENGL	254	3	_____	_____	_____	_____	ENGL	262	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
ENGL	255	3	_____	_____	_____	_____	ENGL	421	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
ENGL	261	3	_____	_____	_____	_____	*ENGL	494	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
*ENGL 494 Seminar in Literature must be taken after 90 semester hours have been accumulated. A student may take the seminar in the junior year, but must take it again in the senior year. The junior-year class will count as an elective.													
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**Concentration in Writing** (30 Semester Hours)

**Required Courses** (9 semester hours)

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs	Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
ENGL	386	3					ENGL		3				
ENGL	492	3					(ENGL 440 or ENGL 451)						

**Literary Backgrounds** (6 semester hours) Choose one course from Early Literatures List and one course from Later Literatures.

**Early Literatures:** Choose one class from ENGL 301, ENGL 311, ENGL 313, ENGL 335, ENGL 355, ENGL 470

ENGL		3				
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**Later Literatures:** Choose one course from ENGL 314, ENGL 315, ENGL 316, ENGL 330, ENGL 435, ENGL 436, ENGL 438, ENGL 471, ENGL 475, ENGL 478

ENGL		3				
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**Writing** (9 semester hours) Choose three writing courses from ENGL 250, ENGL 380, ENGL 381, ENGL 382, ENGL 383, ENGL 384, ENGL 385, ENGL 396 (when applicable) and ENGL 496 (when applicable)

ENGL		3				
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**English Electives** (6 semester hours) Choose two courses from the English Electives list on page 4. **One course must be upper division.**

ENGL		3				
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ENGL		3				
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**Electives** (All college level courses appearing on your final transcript, **not listed above** that will bring your total semester hours to 120 hours. Excludes KINA/HPWE activity courses.) (30 semester hours; 4-7 hours of upper division may be needed.)

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs	Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**GRADUATION INFORMATION**

See the "Undergraduate Graduation Requirements" in the Mesa State College catalog for additional graduation information.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS** (Minimum of 33 Semester Hours) See current Mesa State College catalog for list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If one (or more) of the selections below is required in your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection to meet the general education requirement. **The courses may not be used to fulfill both requirements.**

**English – 6 Semester Hours** (Must be **completed** before student has 60 semester hours. Must receive grade of "C" or above.)  
ENGL 111 and ENGL 112 or ENGL 129 (*by permission*)

**Mathematics – 3 Semester Hours** chosen from:  
MATH 110 **or higher**  
(Must be **completed** before student has 60 semester hours. Must receive grade of "C" or above.)

**Humanities – 6 semester hours**

**Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 semester hours**

**Fine Arts – 3 semester hours**

**Natural Sciences – 6 semester hours** (At least one course must include a lab.)

**Applied Studies – 3 semester hours**

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS (9 Semester Hours)

### Kinesiology – 3 Semester Hours

Each student must take KINE/HPWA 100 together with two KINA/HPWE/Selected DANC courses. See current catalog for listing.

### Degree Distinction – 6 Semester Hours

\*Select from one of the following sequences:

FLAF 111 *followed by* FLAF 112                      **or**                      FLAG 111 *followed by* FLAG 112

**Or** FLAS 111 *followed by* FLAS 112                      **or**                      Two **consecutive** classes in the **same** foreign language.

\*(FLAS 114 & 115 will **NOT** fulfill this requirement. **Must** receive a grade of “C” or above in **both** classes.)

## English - Writing (48 Semester Hours)

All English majors must maintain at least a 3.0 average in their **upper division ENGL** courses.

### English Core (18 Semester Hours)

ENGL 254 Survey of English Literature I  
ENGL 255 Survey of English Literature II  
ENGL 261 Survey of American Literature I  
ENGL 262 Survey of American Literature II  
ENGL 421 History of Literary Criticism  
ENGL 494 Senior Seminar in Literature

### Writing Concentration (30 Semester Hours)

#### **Required courses** (9 semester hours)

ENGL 386 Roots of Modern Rhetoric  
ENGL 440 History of the English Language

#### **Or**

ENGL 451 Structure of the English Language  
ENGL 492 Seminar in Writing

#### **Literary Backgrounds** (6 semester hours)

##### Early Literatures – Select 3 semester hours from:

ENGL 301 Classical Greek and Latin Literature  
ENGL 311 English Medieval Literatures  
ENGL 313 English Renaissance Literature  
ENGL 335 The Bible as Literature  
ENGL 355 Shakespeare  
ENGL 470 18<sup>th</sup> Century British Literature

##### Later Literatures – Select 3 semester hours from:

ENGL 314 American Literature to 1830  
ENGL 315 American Literature 1830-1870  
ENGL 316 American Literature 1870-1900  
ENGL 330 Women in World Thought and Literature  
ENGL 435 American Literature 1900-1945  
ENGL 436 American Literature 1945-Present  
ENGL 438 Ethnic Experience in U.S. Literature  
ENGL 471 British Romanticism  
ENGL 475 Victorian Literature  
ENGL 478 20<sup>th</sup> Century British Literature

#### **Select 9 semester hours from:**

ENGL 250 Introduction to Creative Writing  
ENGL 380 Creative Writing: Nonfiction  
ENGL 381 Creative Writing: Fiction  
ENGL 382 Creative Writing: Character and Narrative  
ENGL 383 Creative Writing: Poetry  
ENGL 384 Expository and Persuasive Writing  
ENGL 385 Technical Writing  
ENGL 396 Topics (when applicable)  
ENGL 496 Topics (when applicable)

### English Electives (6 Semester Hours) Select from:

#### **One class must be upper division**

ENGL 131 Western World Literature I  
ENGL 132 Western World Literature II  
ENGL 150 Introduction to Literature  
ENGL 222 Mythology  
ENGL 231 Non-Western World Literature I  
ENGL 232 Non-Western World Literature II  
ENGL 240 Children’s Literature  
ENGL 250 Introduction to Creative Writing  
ENGL 301 Classical Literature  
ENGL 311 English Medieval Literature  
ENGL 313 English Renaissance Literature  
ENGL 314 American Literature to 1830  
ENGL 315 American Literature 1830-1870  
ENGL 316 American Literature 1870-1900  
ENGL 330 Women in World Thought and Literature  
ENGL 335 The Bible as Literature  
ENGL 343 Language and Literacy  
ENGL 370 Major Authors  
ENGL 380 Creative Writing: Nonfiction  
ENGL 381 Creative Writing: Fiction  
ENGL 383 Creative Writing: Poetry  
ENGL 384 Expository and Persuasive Writing  
ENGL 385 Technical Writing  
ENGL 390 Introduction to Film Studies  
ENGL 395 Independent Study  
ENGL 396 Topics  
ENGL 415 American Folklore  
ENGL 421 History of Literary Criticism  
ENGL 423 Short Story  
ENGL 435 American Literature 1900-1945  
ENGL 436 American Literature 1945 to the Present  
ENGL 438 Ethnic Experience in U.S. Literature  
ENGL 470 18<sup>th</sup> Century British Literature  
ENGL 471 British Romanticism  
ENGL 475 Victorian Literature  
ENGL 478 20<sup>th</sup> Century British Literature  
ENGL 495 Independent Study  
ENGL 496 Topics

**General Electives: 30 Semester Hours;** 4-7 semester hours of upper division credit may be needed.

Students are required to participate in exit examinations or other programs deemed necessary to comply with the college accountability requirement. All degree requirements must be completed as described above. Any exceptions or substitutions must be recommended in advance by the faculty advisor and approved by the Department Head.

## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING FOR A MAJOR IN ENGLISH – WRITING

This is a recommended sequence of course work. Certain courses may have prerequisites or are only offered during the Fall or Spring semesters. It is the student's responsibility to meet with their advisor and check the 2 year course matrix on the Mesa State website for course availability.

### FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
ENGL 111 English Composition	3	ENGL 112 English Composition	3
MATH XXX (110 or higher)	3	ENGL 250 Introduction to Creative Writing	3
FLA_ Degree Distinction	3	FLA_ Degree Distinction	3
General Education Social/Behavioral Science	3	General Education Fine Arts	3
General Education Humanities	3	General Education Natural Science with Lab	<u>4</u>
KINE/HPWA 100 Health and Wellness	<u>1</u>		16
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### SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
ENGL 261 American Literature	3	ENGL 262 American Literature	3
ENGL 254 English Literature	3	ENGL 255 English Literature	3
General Education – Social/Behavioral Science	3	ENGL 381 Creative Writing: Fiction	3
General Education Humanities	3	General Education Natural Science	3
General Education Applied Studies	3	Elective or Minor	3
KINA/HPWE Activity	<u>1</u>	KINA/HPWE Activity	<u>1</u>
	16		16

### JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
ENGL 386 Roots of Modern Rhetoric	3	Upper Division English Elective	3
ENGL 355 Shakespeare	3	ENGL 385 Technical Writing	3
ENGL 451 Structure of the English Language	3	ENGL 440 History of the English Language	3
Elective or Minor	3	Elective or Minor	3
Elective or Minor	<u>3</u>	Elective or Minor	<u>3</u>
	15		15

### SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
ENGL 384 Expository and Persuasive Writing	3	ENGL 494 Seminar in Literature	3
ENGL 492 Seminar in Writing	3	ENGL 383 Creative Writing: Poetry	3
ENGL 421 History of Literary Criticism	3	Upper Division Elective or Minor	3
Upper Division Elective or Minor	3	Elective or Minor	<u>3</u>
Elective or Minor	<u>2</u>		12
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