



2008 – 09 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: English

Concentration: Writing

www.mesastate.edu/schools/shss/lc/english/degrees/ba_writing.htm

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

Signature of Department Head

Date

Signature of Registrar

Date

Students should work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting and scheduling courses prior to registration. See the “Undergraduate Graduation Requirements” in the Mesa State College catalog for additional graduation information.

Degree Requirements:

- 120 semester hours total (A minimum of 28 taken at MSC)
- 40 upper division credits (A minimum of 15 taken within the major at MSC)
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all MSC coursework
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in coursework toward the major content area
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- All English majors must maintain at least a 3.0 average in their upper division ENGL courses.
- When filling out the program sheet a course can be used only once.
- Program sheets are for advising purposes only. Because a program may have requirements specific to the degree, check with your advisor for additional guidelines, including prerequisites, grade point averages, grades, exit examinations, and other expectations. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of, and follow, all guidelines for the degree being pursued. Any exceptions or substitutions must be approved by the faculty advisor and/or Department Head.
- See the “Undergraduate Graduation Requirements” in the Mesa State College catalog for additional graduation information.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (31 semester hours)

See the current Mesa State College catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is on the general education list of options and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection within the general education requirement.

Course	No	Title	Sem.hrs	Grade	Term	Trns
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English (6 semester hours, must receive a grade of “C” or better and must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)

ENGL 111	English Composition	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
ENGL 112	English Composition	3	_____	_____	_____	_____

(ENGL 129, Honors English, may be substituted for ENGL 111 & ENGL 112. Additional electives will be needed to meet the 120 total semester hours.)

Math: 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.)

MATH 1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Humanities (3 semester hours)

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Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 semester hours)

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Natural Sciences (7 semester hours, one course must include a lab)

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History (3 semester hours)

HIST	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Fine Arts (3 semester hours)

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OTHER LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (6 semester hours)

Kinesiology (3 semester hours)

KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1	_____	_____	_____	_____
KINA 1	_____	1	_____	_____	_____	_____
KINA 1	_____	1	_____	_____	_____	_____

Applied Studies (3 semester hours)

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DEGREE DISTINCTION REQUIREMENTS (6 semester hours)

Two **consecutive** classes in the **same** foreign language. Must receive a grade of “C” or better. FLAS 114 & 115 will **NOT** fulfill this requirement.

FLA	_____	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
FLA	_____	3	_____	_____	_____	_____

ENGLISH – WRITING MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

(48 semester hours) Must pass all courses with a grade of “C” or higher. 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	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
ENGL 255	Survey of English Literature II	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
ENGL 261	Survey of American Literature I	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
ENGL 262	Survey of American Literature II	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
ENGL 421	History of Literary Criticism	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
*ENGL 494	Senior Seminar in Literature	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.

CONCENTRATION IN WRITING (30 Semester Hours)

Required Courses (9 semester hours)

ENGL 386	Roots of Modern Rhetoric	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
ENGL 492	Seminar in Writing	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
ENGL 440	History of the English Language	3	_____	_____	_____	_____

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ENGL 451	Structure of the English Language	3	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Literary Backgrounds (6 semester hours) Choose one course from Early Literature List and one course from Later Literatures.

Early Literature: 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

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)

English Electives (6 semester hours) Choose two courses from the English Electives listed below. **One course must be upper division.**

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

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 440 History of the English Language
ENGL 451 Structure of the English Language
ENGL 470 18th Century British Literature
ENGL 471 British Romanticism
ENGL 475 Victorian Literature
ENGL 478 20th Century British Literature
ENGL 495 Independent Study
ENGL 496 Topics

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 the assigned 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 (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 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 Activity	<u>1</u>	KINA 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>
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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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