

3300 ENGLISH

Bachelor of Arts Degree

NOTE TO STUDENT: A student is expected to be familiar with the degree requirements. The following information has official approval of the Department of English but is intended only as a guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of admission to the degree-granting college.

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester

	<u>Semester Credit Hours</u>	<u>Prerequisites</u>
3300:111 English Composition I - OR -	4	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
3300:113 African Amer. Language & Culture I – OR -	4	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
2020:121 English	4	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
Social Science Requirement (Note a.)	3-4	
Language Requirement (Note b.)	3-4	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
Natural Science Requirement (Note a.)	<u>3-4</u>	
	14-18	

Spring Semester

3300:112 English Composition II – OR -	3	3300:111 or equiv.
3300:114 African Amer. Language & Culture II – OR -	3	3300:111, 113 or 2020:121
2020:222 Technical Report Writing	3	2020:121 or 3300:111
Social Science Requirement (Note a.)	3-4	
Language Requirement (Note b.)	3-4	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
Math Requirement (Note c.)	3-4	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
Physical Education/Wellness (Note a.)	<u>1-3</u>	
	14-18	

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

Elective	3	
Natural Science Requirement (Note a.)	3-4	
Language Requirement (Note b.)	3	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
7600:105 Introduction to Public Speaking - OR -		
7600:106 Effective Oral Communication	3	
3400:210 Humanities in the Western Tradition I	<u>4</u>	32 credits & 3300:111, 112
	16-17	

Spring Semester

3300:300 Critical Reading & Writing	3	3300:111, 112
Language Requirement (Note b.)	3	Appropriate Placement by Adviser
3300:301 English Literature I (Note d.) - OR -		3300:111, 112
3300:341 American Literature I	3	3300:111, 112
Humanities Course (Note a. & e.)	3-4	3400:210
Elective	<u>3</u>	
	15-16	

NOTES:

- a. Please refer to the General Education Guide or see your adviser regarding acceptable courses.
- b. Completion of two years of a foreign language or sign language is required. See your adviser for placement.
- c. A minimum of three credits of math is required. Most math courses may be used except Basic Math or Intermediate Algebra. Please check with your adviser.
- d. Completion of English Comp I and II (111 and 112) is required prior to taking any of the 300-400 level courses in the English Department.
- e. General Education humanities literature courses do not count toward the English major.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION: The Literary Guild is a student organization for English majors. The department also publishes AKROS, an undergraduate literary magazine.

POLICY ALERT: 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have completed your General Education English, Math, and Communications (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.

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CAREER OPTIONS: A student interested in English should be curious about the career opportunities a degree in English can provide. The English major is recommended by law schools as an excellent preparation for legal study. Recent national surveys have shown that the skills and knowledge gained in earning a B.A. in English are valued highly by many employers, including the United States government, the nation's largest single employer.

Reading accurately, comprehending fully and rapidly, communicating concisely, effectively, and persuasively are major requirements for many employers in business, accounting, publishing and many administrative positions. Employers recognize English as a core subject and a fundamental skill without which essential communication can become difficult. For example, English majors have been and will continue to be successful in such occupations as Administration Analyst, Information Specialist, Buyer, Copywriter, Editor, Journalist, Claims Supervisor, Public Relations Director, Publisher's Assistant, Labor Negotiator, Advertising Executive, University and Industrial Personnel Supervisor, Technical Writer, Technical Librarian, Creative Writer, Realtor, Stockbroker, and Computer Programmer. Volunteer, paid, and for credit internships are available through the college's A & S Careers Program (see below).

ENGLISH MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: - 36 credits, including the following:

3300:300 Critical Reading & Writing
3300:301 English Literature I
3300:341 American Literature I
3300:371 Introduction to Linguistics
3300:315 Shakespeare, Early Plays **-OR-**
3300:316 Shakespeare, Mature Plays
3300:492 Senior Seminar

One course in world or multi-cultural literature—literature outside the traditional canon of British and American writers.

A minimum of three 400-level courses.

Three elective courses in English.

The department publishes an annual Bulletin of Course Descriptions, available in Olin 301.

TRANSFER TO COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: A student should apply to the college upon completion of 30 credits and a 2.2 or better overall GPA (including transfer work). In addition, the student must have achieved a 2.2 in all coursework in the major field (including transfer work). The 30 credits must include the completion of both English Composition courses and 3 credits of mathematics or statistics which meets the General Education requirement. This transfer process is completed through an appointment with an academic adviser, the Academic Advisement Center, Simmons Hall, Room 205, (330) 972-7430, or Summit College, Polsky 301, (330) 972-7220, depending upon the college in which you reside.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES: Degree requirements in Arts & Sciences include the first and second year of a foreign language (most majors), and 47 credits of 300/400 level courses, not including workshops or Humanities in the Western Tradition or Area Studies and Cultural Diversity (World Civ) requirements. Consult your major department for any possible exceptions

CAREER ADVISING AND PLACEMENT: A variety of career services are available to English majors, minors, and graduate students through Buchtel College's A&S Careers Program. The *Careers in English* bulletin board outside the Department offices provides information about job openings, workshops, and internships. Workshops on vocational topics are offered each semester. A lending library for majors contains over 400 books, pamphlets, videotapes, and graduate catalogs. Sample resumes, cover letters, and portfolios are available along with individual counseling on form and content development, on job strategies, and on interviewing techniques. Over 200 internships with local sponsors are offered yearly as a way to help English majors prepare for the job market.

For more information, contact:

The A&S Careers Program office (Olin Hall 325) at (330)972-5714
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