English B.A.

Overview

The English program at D'Youville offers the opportunity to study and enjoy British, American and World literature, to master expository writing and to learn to write and publish creative fiction, poetry and drama. Our courses focus on close reading of both classic and non-canonical works and the study of critical and cultural theories about literature.

D'Youville's English majors develop the highly marketable skills of analytical, critical and creative thinking, problem-solving and effective written and oral communication. Career opportunities for students who earn a B.A. in English exist in the fields of education, media, creative and technical writing, library science, public relations, marketing, non-profit, government and law. The course option of an individually designed internship allows a student to prepare application material to graduate school and/or to explore a career path.

A minor concentration in English literature of 15-credit hours is also available to all students. Please see the catalog section on minors for requirements.

English and Study Abroad at D'Youville College

The English program encourages its students to complete some portion of their undergraduate study through the college's Study Abroad program in England, Italy, and many other locations. English majors can deepen their understanding of British, American, and post-colonial English literature by study in a foreign university. English majors who study abroad come to understand that cultural context is crucial for interpreting literary texts. Seeing Shakespeare performed in the reconstructed London Globe, visiting the Lake District where Wordsworth and Coleridge wrote some of their finest poetry, reading Joyce's Ulysses in Dublin, discussing American literary texts with British or Australian students are all experiences that foreground the ways in which knowledge is constructed differently in other political and social environments. Alternatively, through immersion in a foreign language program, English students may gain fluency in another language and acquire a sense of its literature while at the same time studying their own literature. All courses taken through the college's Study Abroad program are accepted as D'Youville courses. With careful planning, students may spend a semester in a foreign university with no loss of time in completing their degrees. Junior and senior students are also eligible to complete internships abroad. For details on the Study Abroad program, see “Study Abroad Opportunities” on the D'Youville website (www.dyc.edu).

Course Requirements

English
Degree: B.A.

*The English degree curriculum is designed for maximum flexibility for students to develop their own course of study in partnership with their academic English faculty advisor. The path through the rest of the curriculum is individually designed to move students through basic skill sets to more advanced study and application of knowledge.*

Courses Requirements for the Major:

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<td>ENG 237 Introduction to Literary Criticism</td>
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<td>ENG Two of the following literary surveys: ENG 201, ENG 202, ENG 211 or ENG 212</td>
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**Total Credits: 39**

Major: 39

Minor - Students are strongly encouraged to have a minor in another discipline: 15

Liberal Arts and Science Electives: 66

Total: 120

NOTE: ENG 111-112 are required of all students and do not count towards the major.
Admission Requirements

Freshman Admission

Applicants must meet the following three criteria:

1. Combined SAT scores of at least 980 (or ACT equivalent score of 19)
2. A high school average of at least 80 percent
3. A high school rank in the upper half of the class

Transfer Admission

Students must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.33. Transfer credits will be determined on a case-by-case basis to assess adaptability to curriculum requirements.

Each student accepted into the program must submit a letter of intent prior to course registration.

Liberal Arts Department

A student seeking to become a liberally educated person needs exposure, in breadth and in depth, to the humanities and the social sciences.

These studies, concerned not merely with information but with values, help the student’s development as a total person. This implies not only intellectual and social development, but also maturity in assessing the values essential to a sound philosophy of life. The department of liberal arts offers degrees in English, global studies, history, liberal studies for education, psychology, sociology and philosophy. Requirements for these programs are listed in the courses of instruction section of this catalog. Courses are also offered in foreign languages, fine arts and religious studies.

Students within the department must maintain a minimum 2.00 grade point average in courses taken at D'Youville in their major subject area.