



This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (15-17 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign language ³ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3-4			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign language ³ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC		
	History ⁵	3			CR		
Semester Three (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	ENGL 287 American Literature	3	C		CR	ENGL 101 & 102	
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3-4			CC		
	Foreign language ³ or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CR/CC		
	Social Science	3			CR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
Semester Four (15 Credit Hours)							
	ENGL 288 English Literature	3	C		CR	ENGL 101 & 102	
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
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	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC		
Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)							
	English Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
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	English Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	English Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	English Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Elective ⁸	3			CC/PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Elective ⁸	3			CC/PR		
Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	English Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	English Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	English Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Minor Course ⁶ or Elective ⁸	3	C (minor)		PR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
Semester Eight (15-18 Credit Hours)							
	English Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	English Major Course ⁷	3-6	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Minor Course ⁶ or Elective ⁸	3	C (minor)		PR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Elective ⁸ (only if needed to meet hours to graduate)	3			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	30-33	45-57	32-44	2.000

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
- Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of, but related to the major. In place of a cognate, a student may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of courses concentrated in one area that follow a structured sequence. A second major eliminates the minor/cognate requirement.
- English Major courses, equaling 30-33 hours, must be comprised of the following: 1) Two courses (6 hours) in pre-1800 Literature; 2) Three courses (9 hours) in post-1800 Literature; and 3) Five ENGL electives (15 hours) above the 300 level, of which at least one elective must satisfy the Linguistics overlay requirement, unless a Linguistics course is applied elsewhere in the student's curriculum. The major in English requires a diversity course, which may also serve as a pre- or post-1800 literature course or an elective. Students who do not meet this Diversity Requirement through another major requirement must take a course in addition to the major requirements. For a list of courses fulfilling the pre-1800 and post-1800 Literature requirements, and the Diversity Requirement, please visit the Bulletin.

Applicable Linguistics courses include any LING and the following:

ENGL 370 – Language in the USA (3) <i>(cross-listed: LING 345)</i>	ENGL 453 – Development of the English Language (3) <i>(cross-listed: LING 431)</i>
ENGL 389 – The English Language (3) <i>(cross-listed: LING 301)</i>	ENGL 455 – Language in Society (3) <i>(cross-listed: LING 440)</i>
ENGL 439 – Selected Topics (3) – <i>if Linguistics</i>	ENGL 457 – African American English (3) <i>(cross-listed: LING 442, AFAM 442, ANTH 442)</i>
ENGL 450 – English Grammar (3) <i>(cross-listed: LING 421)</i>	

- No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as “critical” must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- Students may pursue an optional intensive English major, which requires: 1) Three courses (9 hours) in pre-1800 literature; 2) Four courses (12 hours) in post-1800 literature; 3) one course from ENGL 388 or ENGL 440; 4) one course from ENGL 490 or a Senior Thesis; and 5) Four additional courses (12 hours) from ENGL 300 or above, of which one must be selected from ENGL 370, ENGL 389, or ENGL 450-456, unless a Linguistics course is applied elsewhere in the student's curriculum.
- The Departmental Undergraduate Research Track (B.A. with Distinction) is available to students majoring in English who wish to participate in a substantial research or creative project in collaboration with, or under the supervision of, a faculty mentor. Ideally, students who pursue this option would complete their theses by December of their final year of coursework. In addition to the English major requirements, a student must complete the following: 1) ENGL 499 or by taking ENGL 490, provided that the latter course includes a thesis requirement; 2) a minimum GPA of 3.50 in the major; 3) a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30; 4) Submission of the distinction intent form (available in the undergraduate English office) to the undergraduate English office at the beginning of the semester in which you write your thesis; 5) a public presentation of the Senior Thesis (at an English Department Colloquium Series, USC Discovery Day, or professional conference or journal publication). Students who successfully complete these requirements will be awarded their degree with “Distinction in English” upon graduation.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the [Carolina Core](#) page on the University website.

Codes:	
CC	Carolina Core
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences
CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CR	College Requirement
MR	Major Requirement
PR	Program Requirement

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.