

The English Major and the University Core Curriculum (Starting in Fall 10)

One of the goals of the new UCC program is to require core courses that help you develop critical learning abilities throughout your years at Ball State, as first semester students as well as last semester seniors. Unlike the old program, which encouraged students to complete core classes in their first two years, the new UCC program sees some courses in your major as continuing the learning begun in earlier core courses. Thus, if courses in your major help you continue to develop critical core learning objectives, then they should also count in the core.

What Classes Can I Double Count in Both the English Major and the Core Curriculum? (Starting in Fall 2010)

This document provides guidance to English majors on how to best navigate the new core, which allows students to double-count two English classes in both their major and the core. Students who are able to double-count two classes effectively reduce their core requirements to 30 hours. Please see below for information on each major. In all cases, continue to consult your DAPR and your advisor to make sure that you are on track to graduate and that you have fulfilled all major and core requirements. For further information on the core curriculum, consult this site:

<http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/Advising/AcademicBasics/CoreCurriculum.aspx>

Note: English Majors Should Not Take ENG 206, as it does not count towards any of our majors.

WISER+ Requirements For All Majors

Most majors will fulfill the two WISER+ requirements in their required courses, but not all. Below is a complete list of English courses that meet the WISER+ requirements. If you do not satisfy both WISER+ designations in your English courses, make sure to pick up the other WISER+ designation in another core class (which should be easy to do.)

205 World Literature (I)*
230 Reading/Writing about Literature(W)*
285 Introduction to Creative Writing (W)
213 Introduction to Digital Literacies (T)
402 Cultural Studies (W)
405 Special Topics in Creative Writing (W)*
409 Creative Writing in the Community (S)*
490 Literature and Gender (W R)
491 Literature of African-American Traditions (W R A)
492 Native American Literature (W R A)
493 American Ethnic Literature (W R A)
494 Queer Literature/Queer Theory (W R)
498 Post-Colonial Studies (W R)

English Language/Arts Teaching Major

Tier One:

ENG 213 counts towards the major and Tier One Humanities core requirement.

COM 240 or 290 counts towards the major and Tier One Social Sciences core requirement.

Tier Two:

ENG 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, and 498 all count towards the diverse literature requirement in the major and also towards Tier Two Humanities core requirement—any of these classes also fulfill both WISER+ requirements. (Note: a diverse literature course is not required in the Communication Studies option.)

EDMUL 205 or EDFON 420 count towards Tier Two Social Sciences.

Note: Students can double-count 4 total classes towards both the UCC (Tier 1 and 2) and the English Studies option of the Teaching Major, reducing the total core to 24 hours. Students can double-count 3 total classes towards both the UCC (Tier 1 and 2) and the Communication Studies Option of the Teaching Major, reducing the total core hours to 27 hours.

Tier Three: ENG 444 is the capstone course for all English majors, and it satisfies the Tier Three core requirement.

English Literature Major

Tier One: All Literature majors must take one foreign language through the 202 level. By doing so, students will fulfill the Tier One Humanities core requirement.

Tier Two: ENG 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, and 498 all count towards the diverse literature requirement in the major and towards the Tier Two Humanities core requirement—any of these classes will also fulfill both WISER+ requirements.

Tier Three: ENG 444 is the capstone course for all English majors, and it satisfies the Tier Three core requirement.

English Studies Major

Tier One: All English Studies majors must take one foreign language through the 202 level. By doing so, students will fulfill the Tier One Humanities core requirement.

Tier Two: ENG 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, and 498 can all count towards the required literature hours in the major or as an elective. If you take one of these courses, it will also count towards the Tier Two Humanities core requirement—any of these classes will also fulfill both WISER+ requirements.

English Studies majors may also take ENG 402 and 405 (if they meet the pre-requisite). Both of these classes satisfy the Tier Two Humanities core requirement. However, they only satisfy the Writing (“W”) requirement for WISER+.

Tier Three: ENG 444 is the capstone course for all English majors, and it satisfies the Tier Three core requirement.

Creative Writing Major

Tier One: All Creative Writing majors must take one foreign language through the 202 level. By doing so, students will fulfill the Tier One Humanities core requirement.

Tier Two: All Creative Writing majors must take ENG 405, which also satisfies the Tier Two Humanities core requirement and the WISER+ designation for Writing (“W”).

Tier Three: ENG 444 is the capstone course for all English majors, and it satisfies the Tier Three core requirement.

Rhetoric and Writing Major

Tier One: All Rhetoric and Writing majors must take one foreign language through the 202 level. By doing so, students will fulfill the Tier One Humanities core requirement. Students are also required to take ENG 213, which also counts towards the Tier One Humanities core requirement and also carries a Technology (“T”) designation for WISER+.

Tier Two: ENG 402, 405 (if you meet the pre-requisite of ENG 306), 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, or 498 can all be taken as an elective. If you take one of these courses, it will satisfy the Tier Two Humanities core requirement—any of the literature classes on this list will also fulfill both WISER+ requirements, while 402 and 405 will fulfill the Writing (“W”) designation only.

Tier Three: ENG 444 is the capstone course for all English majors, and it satisfies the Tier Three core requirement.