

# ENGLISH MAJOR PATHWAYS

The University of Washington English Department offers two distinct English major tracks: Language, Literature, and Culture, and Creative Writing.

Both programs offer intensive study of English language and literary forms. This study is broken down into the following three concentration areas:

- **Historical Depth:** courses focusing on texts published before 1700 and before 1945, which provide students with an understanding of literary movements throughout time.
- **Power & Difference:** courses focusing on how identity and power shape and are shaped by literature and language.
- **Genre, Method, & Language:** courses focusing on literary theory via genre study, rhetorical method, and varieties of English across registers and communities. *Because Creative Writing workshops include intensive study of genre and rhetoric, there is no separate Genre, Method, and Language requirement for Creative Writing students.*

Literature, and Culture Option <i>Click here for full major requirements.</i>	Creative Writing (CW) Option <i>Click here for full major requirements.</i>
Minimum-requirements major: can be declared the quarter before, after, or during which a student takes ENGL 202.	Closed-capacity major: Students must apply to the CW major. Application cycles take place quarterly (except summer) and are due the third Friday of the quarter at 4 PM.
60 credit minimum.	65 credit minimum.
Requires cumulative 2.5 GPA for all ENGL courses.	Requires cumulative 2.5 GPA for all ENGL courses.
Maximum 20 credits of 200-level courses can apply.	Maximum 20 credits of 200-level courses can apply.
Requires ENGL 302.	Does not require ENGL 302, but, if taken, it can apply to Power & Difference.
Requires a 5-credit capstone course.	Requires 10 credits of 400-level CW workshops in lieu of a capstone.
Requires 15 credits of pre-1945 courses, 5 of which must be pre-1700.	Requires 15 credits of pre-1945 courses, 5 of which must be pre-1700.
Requires 15 credits of Power & Difference courses.	Requires 15 credits of Power & Difference courses.
Requires 15 credits of Genre, Method, and Language courses.	Does not require separate Genre, Method, Language courses.
A maximum of 5 CW credits may apply.	Requires at least 30 credits of CW courses.
English Honors: ENGL 494 can apply to distribution requirements and ENGL 496 can apply to the capstone requirement.	English Honors: ENGL 494 can apply to distribution requirements. Since a capstone course is not required, ENGL 496 typically does not apply to CW.

Unsure of what track to choose? Here are some tips:

- Focus on courses that overlap, like ENGL 202, Power & Difference, and Historical Depth classes.
- Take ENGL 283 (Intro to Verse) or ENGL 284 (Intro to Prose) to explore a CW workshop. If you do not have any transfer CW credit, the course can apply to either track of the major.
- Speak with faculty in the English department.
- Speak with HAS advisers. We can help connect your post-grad goals to your major to ensure you receive the skillsets you want during your undergraduate studies.