The English major involves the study of the language and its broadest cultural influences, both spoken and written. The major is designed to lay a foundation for careers in writing, teaching, scholarship and research, as well as many other types of positions in the business and professional world where skills in communication, creative, critical or analytical writing, public relations, editorial skills, advertising, or the like are required.

English majors at Pitt-Bradford take courses in literature, foreign language, philosophy and writing. Students design a course of study to suit personal interests and career plans. Students have the opportunity to receive hands-on experience through internships and/or study abroad programs.

**Required Skills:**

- Reading for Tone and Attitude
- Informing and Explaining
- Rewriting and Editing
- Simplifying Jargon
- Accuracy
- Comparing and Summarizing
- Gathering Information
- Analyzing Complex Ideas
- Coherence in Writing and Speech
- Thinking Independently

**Possible Employers:**

- Advertising Agencies
- Publishing Firms
- Magazines
- Corporate Communications
- Educational Institutions
- Museums
- Public Relations Firms
- Trade Publications
- Travel & Tourism Agencies

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- American Society of Magazine Editors  [www.asme.magazine.org](http://www.asme.magazine.org)
- American Society of Newspaper Editors  [www.asne.org](http://www.asne.org)
- Journalism Education Association  [www.jea.org](http://www.jea.org)
- National Council of Teachers of English  [www.ncte.org](http://www.ncte.org)
- Modern Language Association  [www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN ENGLISH AT:**

- Jobs for English Majors  [www.jobsforenglishmajors.com](http://www.jobsforenglishmajors.com)
- Western Carolina University  [www.wcu.edu/as/english/careers/index.html](http://www.wcu.edu/as/english/careers/index.html)
- My Majors  [www.mymajors.com/english-major](http://www.mymajors.com/english-major)
- Career Services  [www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx](http://www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx)
**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

**COMPETENCIES**
*(Minimum grade of C- required in all competencies)*
- FS 0102 Freshman Seminar
  *(if transferring in fewer than 18 credits)*

**Writing**
- ENG 0101 English Composition I
- ENG 0102 English Composition II

**Mathematics**
- * MATH 0098 College Algebra II or Higher
  *(MATH 0110 Recommended)*

**THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE**
- Students are required to complete two courses designated as “Global”
- Students who enrolled prior to fall 2013 are required to complete ONE course designated as Non-Western

**ARTS & LETTERS** *(ONE course MUST be literature; ONE course MUST be a creative, fine or performing Arts course)*
- Literature (See Major)
- Arts (See Major)
- Literature, Arts, Language (See Major)

**BEHAVIORAL, ECONOMIC, & POLITICAL SCIENCES** *(Two different categories must be represented)*

**HISTORY, CULTURES, & PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY** *(ONE course MUST be History, and ONE course must be Cultures or Philosophical Inquiry)*
- HIST
- *(See Major)*

**PHYSICAL, LIFE, & COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES** *(ONE course must be a Physical Science, ONE must be a Life Science and ONE must include a lab)*
- Physical Science
- Life Science
- Physical, Life or Computational Science
- Lab

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
- PEDC

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* *MATH 0098 does not meet the mathematics competency at the Pittsburgh campus*

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**REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES**

- ENG 0110 Literature and Interpretation (GE)
- ENG 0205 Introduction to Shakespeare *OR* (GE)
- THEA 1310 Shakespearean Performances
- CLP 1315 Critical Methods
- ENG 1451 Capstone
- Foreign language proficiency through intermediate or the equivalent (up to 9 Credits) *(GE)*

**SIX COURSES (18 CREDITS) FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST. Select at least ONE course from each group. ONE course must be from a period prior to 1800 *(indicated with asterisks).*

**A. American Literature Survey Courses:**
- ENG 0201* American Literature before the Civil War (GE)
- ENG 0202 American Literature since the Civil War (GE)
- ENG 1308 20th-Century American Literature (GE)

**B. British/European Literature Survey Courses:**
- ENG 0203* British Literature before 1800 (GE)
- ENG 0204 British Literature since 1800 (GE)
- ENG 1306 20th-Century Irish Literature (GE)

**C. Contemporary World Literature:**
- CLP 0206 Hispanic Literature in Translation (GE)
- CLP 0207 Short Fiction in Spanish (GE)
- CLP 0216 Modern African Literature (GE)
- CLP 1310 Post-Colonial Literature and Theory (GE)
- CLP 1350 Latina Writers (GE)

**D. Western Foundations** *(these courses cannot count as pre-1800):*
- ENG 0105 Masterpieces of World Literature (GE)
- PHIL 0101 Introduction to Philosophy (GE)

**ELECTIVE (12 hours)** Select 4 courses that start with the following pre-fixes: ENG, WRITNG or CLP.

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- ENG 1499 *(Internship Recommended)*

Upper-level courses: At least nine credits from all of the credits counting toward the major (in addition to Capstone and Critical Methods) must be taken at the 1300 or 1400 level. Three of those credits may include ENG 1499 Internship.

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**According to your Degree Progress Report in MY.PITT.EDU upon successful completion of the current term:**

You will have EARNED _________ credit hours
You NEED _________ for 120 credit hours required for graduation.
You will have earned _________ credit hours of Upper Level course work.
You NEED ______ for the 30 credit hours required for graduation.

NOTE: This guide is unofficial. Completing the requirements on this sheet does NOT guarantee degree completion. Official degree completion information can be found in MY.PITT.EDU. Contact your Faculty Advisor and/or the Registrar’s Office with questions or concerns.