English Bachelor of Arts in English

Why Should I Major in English at Seton Hall?

The reasons for becoming an English major at Seton Hall University are as varied as the opportunities it provides. The intellectual and practical skills you will master — proficient reading and writing, critical analysis, capable argumentation — are sought by employers and graduate schools in all fields. The Bachelor of Arts in English curriculum offers a wide array of literature and writing courses, while small class size promotes the free and open exchange of ideas. Independent studies, internships and co-ops allow you to tailor the major to fit your interests and needs. Students have a chance to work on Chávez, the student literary magazine. Exceptional students may also be invited to join Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society.

A combined Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in English program is available for those who want to complete both degrees in five years. Ultimately, an English major will enhance the way you think about college, the world — and yourself.

The Curriculum:

The English major combines a core of traditional survey courses in the literature of England, America and Europe with a wide selection of specialized advanced courses in specific genres (poetry and short story), specific authors and periods, and creative writing. The curriculum is designed to allow students to create a course of study geared toward strengthening their interests while building on a solid understanding of literary periods and moments. The English faculty specializes in such areas as African-American literature, creative writing, performance theory, post-colonial studies and critical theory.

What Does It Take to Graduate?

English majors complete 42 credits, including College English I and II, Introduction to Literary Studies, and six survey courses, four of which also fulfill University core requirements. The major also includes 12 credits of advanced electives in designated areas, as well as a Senior Seminar, the department’s capstone course.

Career Opportunities:

English majors go on to successful careers in the following areas: teaching, writing and editing, publishing, law, business, public relations, arts administration, nonprofit and media. They also go on to master’s and doctoral programs. For example, graduates of the English program have pursued their M.A. and Ph.D. in English at Seton Hall University, Drew University, New York University, Fordham University, Temple University, University of Connecticut and Michigan State University.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

Complete your application to Seton Hall University and include the $55 non-refundable application fee ($45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at admissions.shu.edu.

Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm or call (973) 761-9332.
English Requirements:

Core Curriculum Requirements*

A. English Language (6 credits)
B. Communication (3 credits)
C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites)
D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American/African, Asian and Latino World Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

English Major – 42 hours including

Introductory
ENGL 1201 and 1202 – College English I and II
ENGL 2204 – Introduction to Literary Studies
ENGL 2101 and 2102 – Great Books of the Western World I and II
ENGL 2111 and 2112 – British Literature I and II
ENGL 2103 and 2104 – American Literature I and II

Advanced Electives
Choose 12 credits from four out of five categories in advanced electives:
• British (pre-1800)
• British (post-1800)
• American
• Thematic/Comparative
• Writing
Note: Students also pursuing a writing minor may not choose writing as one of the categories.

Capstone
ENGL 5011 Senior Seminar

Literature Minor – 18 hours, including:

Introductory – 6 credits
Any two from the following survey courses (not necessarily in sequence):
ENGL 2101 or 2102 – Great Books of the Western World I or II
ENGL 2103 or 2104 – American Literature I or II
ENGL 2111 or 2112 – British Literature I or II

Advanced Writing – 3 credits
Any one of the following writing courses:
ENGL 2511 Introduction to Creative Writing
ENGL 2512 Creative Writing: Fiction
ENGL 2513 Creative Writing: Poetry

Writing Minor – 18 hours, including:
The Department of English offers an 18-credit writing minor that is an ideal complement to any major. It is structured to enable students to tailor the minor to suit their own interests, emphasizing creative writing, expository writing, business and technical writing, or a combination of styles.

ENGL 2517 History of the English Language
Any two of the following courses:
ENGL 2514 Writing Workshop: Research and Analysis
ENGL 2515 Writing Workshop: Creative Nonfiction
ENGL 3511 Advanced Composition

Electives – 9 credits
Any three of the following courses:
ENGL 2511 Introduction to Creative Writing
ENGL 2512 Creative Writing: Fiction
ENGL 2513 Creative Writing: Poetry
ENGL 3512 Business Writing
ENGL 3512 Technical Writing
ENGL 3514 Scientific and Technical Writing
ENGL 3515 Composition Theory and Practice

Degree Requirements: 150 total credit hours
Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.