



English: Language and Literature

Major Preparation Sheet 2016-2017

What is English Language and Literature?

The study of English language and literature helps us to develop a deeper understanding of individuals, cultures and societies. Through multiple genres such as poetry, short stories, essays and novels, students study English language and literature from different historical time periods and places around the globe to develop a broad understanding of literary styles and traditions. English programs teach critical thinking, reading and writing skills to communicate creatively and effectively for a variety of purposes. These skills also make an excellent undergraduate preparation for a variety of graduate school options.

Areas of study in English Language and Literature: English Composition, Research and Writing, Expository Writing, Creative Writing, Argumentation, Technical Writing, Fiction, Poetry, Short Story, Literary History, American Literature, and worldwide literatures: African American, Asian, Irish, Latin, American, British, European and Gothic.

Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA **Degree Planning Guide** to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school for baccalaureate majors in English Language, Literature, Creative Writing, Rhetoric, and Technical Writing, as well as other majors and graduate programs in Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Business, Medicine and Education.

Where can I go for help?

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Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. The following colleges in Washington offer a bachelor’s degree in Language and Literature, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the Language and Literature department at your chosen four-year school(s) for more information.

[Eastern Washington University](#)
[Gonzaga University](#)
[Pacific Lutheran University](#)
[Seattle University](#)

[The Evergreen State College](#)
[University of Puget Sound](#)
[University of Washington-Seattle](#)
[University of Washington -Bothell](#)

[Washington State University](#)
[Western Washington University](#)
[Whitworth University](#)

What can I do with a Bachelor’s Degree in English Language & Literature?

From understanding human relationships to communication, interpretation, research, analysis and synthesis, the study of English language and literature gives students a broad range of knowledge and skills that transfer into multiple career fields. Example careers include: journalism, teaching, freelance writing, editing, web-design and web editing, advertising, publishing, sales, marketing, public relations, media relations, business and industry.

Potential employers include: Magazines, newspapers, publishing companies, broadcast media companies (television, radio and film industry), social media sites, online commerce, government agencies, public and private schools, colleges and universities, libraries, museums, non-profit organizations, advertising agencies, public relations firms, businesses and corporations. For more, please visit <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-services/career-counseling.aspx>

What courses should I take?*

Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in English Language and Literature.

Strongly Recommended

These are commonly **required** for admission. Check with your chosen four-year program(s) to confirm.

Other Recommendations

These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Humanities --

ENGL &111-&113, 154, 190, 200, &207, &220, &226-&228, 229, &230, &244-&246, 247, 248, 257, 271-273, 276, 281, 282, 287-289; HUM 111-113; Art History, Communication, Drama, Philosophy, and Music courses; World Language if required for university admission or graduation.

Natural Sciences --

Social Sciences

Anthropology, History, Sociology, Philosophy, Political Science and Psychology courses.

III. GENERAL ELECTIVES

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ENGL &111-&113, 154, 190, 200, &207, &220, &226-&228, 229, &230, &244-&246, 247, 248, 257, 271-273, 276, 281, 282, 287-289; HUM 111-113; Art History, Communication, Drama, Philosophy, and Music courses; World Language if required for university admission or graduation.

What does your chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Degrees	Requirements
Central Washington University	B.A. in English Language and Literature B.A. in English with Writing Specialization	At least one of the following courses required: ENGL 271, 272, 281 or 282.
Seattle Pacific University	B.A. in English: Literature and Creative Writing Concentrations	Courses required: ENGL &226, &227
Seattle University	B.A. in English Literature B.A. in English/Creative Writing	Courses required: ENGL &111, &220, 271, 281, and two of the following courses: ENGL 226, 227, or 228.
University of Washington	B.A. in English with Creative Writing Option	Students must be enrolled at the UW before applying to the English major. Admission requirements for English: completion of ENGL 301 and ENGL 297 at UW (no SCC equivalent); 2.0 overall GPA and a 2.5 GPA in all English coursework is required.
Washington State University	B.A. in English with options in Literary Studies, Rhetoric and Professional Writing and Creative Writing	Courses required: HUM 111 and two of the following courses: ENGL &111, &220, &244.
Western Washington University	B.A. in English: Literature and Creative Writing Emphasis	Students are required to take ENGL 202 or 203 at Western before admission to the major.

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**