

# MAJOR IN ENGLISH, WRITING, RHETORIC AND LITERACY CONCENTRATION

The Writing, Rhetoric and Literacy concentration builds on departmental strengths in writing theory and design, rhetoric, composition, public writing, and rhetoric and writing instruction. It is designed for students who wish to pursue the study of theories and practices of writing and rhetoric. The Writing, Rhetoric and Literacy concentration offers students the ability to:

- Study writing in a department that takes a humanistic approach to learning

- Engage writing and rhetoric with a focus on genre, audience, invention, and style
- Explore and practice writing and rhetorical approaches in social, cultural, and historical contexts

To change your major to English, you can either call the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center at 970-491-3117 or send an email to [cla\\_advising@colostate.edu](mailto:cla_advising@colostate.edu). More information is available on <https://advising.libarts.colostate.edu>.

## Requirements Effective Fall 2022

For graduation, an English major must attain a minimum grade point average of 2.000 in all Composition (CO) and English (E) courses.

### Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
E 240	Introduction to Poetry		3
SPCM 200	Public Speaking		3
Electives			6
1B ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc</a> )		1B	3
Arts and Humanities ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		3B	6
Biological and Physical Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences</a> )		3A	7
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>31</b>

### Sophomore

E 270	Introduction to American Literature (GT-AH2)	3B	3
Select from one of the following:			3
CO 300	Writing Arguments (GT-CO3)	2	
CO 301A	Writing in the Disciplines: Arts and Humanities (GT-CO3)	2	
CO 301B	Writing in the Disciplines: Sciences (GT-CO3)	2	
CO 301C	Writing in the Disciplines: Social Sciences (GT-CO3)	2	
CO 301D	Writing in the Disciplines: Education (GT-CO3)	2	
CO 302	Writing in Digital Environments (GT-CO3)	2	
Select one course from the following:			3
E 276	British Literature—Medieval Period to 1800 (GT-AH2)	3B	
E 277	British Literature—After 1800 (GT-AH2)	3B	
Additional History Elective - select one course from the following:			3
Historical Perspectives (Any AUCC 3D course not counting elsewhere in the program) ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives</a> )		3D	
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ETST 354	Black Cinema and Media		
POLS 420	History of Political Thought		
TH 242	World Theatre History I		
PHIL ***Philosophy Elective			3
1C ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc</a> )		1C	3
Historical Perspectives ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives</a> )		3D	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences</a> )		3C	3
Electives			5
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>29</b>

**Junior**

CO 402	Principles of Digital Rhetoric and Design		3
E 341	Literary Criticism and Theory	4A,4B	3
Second Field <sup>2</sup>			6
Upper-Division English/Composition (See list below)			6
Electives			12
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>30</b>

**Senior**

CO 401	Writing and Style		3
E 406	Topics in Literacy		3
Select one course from the following:			3
E 460	Chaucer	4C	
E 465	Topics in Literature and Language	4C	
E 470	Individual Author	4C	
Second Field <sup>2</sup>			6
Upper-Division English/Composition (See list below)			9
Electives <sup>3</sup>			6
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>30</b>

**Program Total Credits: 120**

Upper Division English/Composition Electives

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Designated Writing</b>		
Select at least one course from the following:		3
CO 300	Writing Arguments (GT-CO3)	
CO 301A	Writing in the Disciplines: Arts and Humanities (GT-CO3)	
CO 301B	Writing in the Disciplines: Sciences (GT-CO3)	
CO 301C	Writing in the Disciplines: Social Sciences (GT-CO3)	
CO 301D	Writing in the Disciplines: Education (GT-CO3)	

E 311C	Intermediate Creative Writing: Nonfiction
E 403	Writing the Environment
E 412C	Creative Writing Workshop: Nonfiction
<b>Writing, Theory and Pedagogy</b>	
Select at least one course from the following:	
E 402	Teaching Composition
E 406	Topics in Literacy
E 501	Theories of Composition
E 502	The Politics of Literacy
E 526	Teaching English as a Foreign/Second Language
<b>Literature</b>	
Select 3 credits in Literature courses	
	3

Select 6 credits from any upper-division writing, literature, theory, and/or language courses 6

<sup>3</sup> Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 42 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).

<sup>1</sup> Excludes E subject code courses.

<sup>2</sup> The department requires majors to complete a second field. This may be met by completing the second semester of the second year of a foreign language or by completing 12 credits of upper-division courses in a coherent field of study outside of English.

## Major Completion Map

**Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program:** and For graduation, an English major must attain a minimum grade point average of 2.000 in all Composition (CO) and English (E) courses.

### Freshman

Semester 1		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)		X	1A	3
E 240	Introduction to Poetry				3
1B	( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc</a> )		X	1B	3
	Arts and Humanities ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities</a> )			3B	3
	Biological and Physical Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences</a> )			3A	3
<b>Total Credits</b>					<b>15</b>

Semester 2		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
SPCM 200	Public Speaking	X			3
	Arts and Humanities ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities</a> )			3B	3
	Biological and Physical Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences</a> )			3A	4
	Electives		X		6
	CO 150 and AUCC 1B requirement must be completed by the end of Semester 2.	X			
<b>Total Credits</b>					<b>16</b>

### Sophomore

Semester 3		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
	Select one course from the following:		X		3
E 276	British Literature--Medieval Period to 1800 (GT-AH2)			3B	
E 277	British Literature--After 1800 (GT-AH2)			3B	
1C	( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc</a> )			1C	3
	Social and Behavioral Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences</a> )		X	3C	3
	Liberal Arts/History Elective				3

Elective			X		2
<b>Total Credits</b>					<b>14</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		<b>Critical</b>		<b>Recommended</b>	<b>AUCC</b>
E 270	Introduction to American Literature (GT-AH2)	X			3B
Select one course from the following:					X
CO 300	Writing Arguments (GT-CO3)				2
CO 301A	Writing in the Disciplines: Arts and Humanities (GT-CO3)				2
CO 301B	Writing in the Disciplines: Sciences (GT-CO3)				2
CO 301C	Writing in the Disciplines: Social Sciences (GT-CO3)				2
CO 301D	Writing in the Disciplines: Education (GT-CO3)				2
CO 302	Writing in Digital Environments (GT-CO3)				2
Historical Perspectives ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives</a> )					X
PHIL ***Philosophy Elective					
Elective					X
E 240, E 276 or E 277, SPCM 200 and AUCC 3A, 3B, and 3C requirements must be completed by the end of Semester 4.					X
<b>Total Credits</b>					<b>15</b>
<b>Junior</b>					
<b>Semester 5</b>		<b>Critical</b>		<b>Recommended</b>	<b>AUCC</b>
CO 402	Principles of Digital Rhetoric and Design			X	
Second Field Course					
Upper-Division English/Composition (See list on Concentration Requirements tab)					X
Electives					X
<b>Total Credits</b>					<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 6</b>		<b>Critical</b>		<b>Recommended</b>	<b>AUCC</b>
E 341	Literary Criticism and Theory			X	4A,4B
Second Field Course					
Upper-Division English/Composition (See list on Concentration Requirements tab)					
Electives					
<b>Total Credits</b>					<b>15</b>
<b>Senior</b>					
<b>Semester 7</b>		<b>Critical</b>		<b>Recommended</b>	<b>AUCC</b>
CO 401	Writing and Style				
E 406	Topics in Literacy			X	
Select one course from the following:					

E 460	Chaucer			4C	
E 465	Topics in Literature and Language			4C	
E 470	Individual Author			4C	
Upper-Division Elective					3
Elective					3
<b>Total Credits</b>					<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 8</b>		<b>Critical</b>		<b>Recommended</b>	<b>AUCC</b>
Second Field Courses		X			6
Upper-Division Electives		X			6
Elective		X			3
The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.		X			
<b>Total Credits</b>					<b>15</b>
<b>Program Total Credits:</b>					<b>120</b>