PLAN FOR SUCCESS

BA IN ENGLISH
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

TCU
ADDRAN COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

YEAR 1 — 30 HOURS

Fall Semester

- ENGL 10803
- Foreign Language 1st semester
- Core
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THINK CORE: THINK EXPLORE
Learn more about Core Curriculum requirements here:

Spring Semester

- Core (LT Course)
- Foreign Language 2nd semester
- Core (discover a minor)
- Core
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ex. Intro to Shakespeare, The American Dream, Law and Literature, Intro to Literature...

Experience

- Attend Department Events
- Join a Student Organization
- Visit the Writing Center
- Apply for Work Study
- Participate in TCU's Day of Service

YEAR 2 — 30 HOURS

Fall Semester

- ENGL 20803 (or Spring)
- Foreign Language 3rd semester
- Course for minor
- Core
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Flexible by design!

Spring Semester

- 3000 level - American Literature
- 3000 level - Early British Literature
- Foreign Language 4th semester
- Course for minor
- Core

Remember that only 9 hours of your English major may be lower-level

Experience

- Attend Department Events
- Seek a Leadership Role

Club Leadership, Frog Aides, RA, Orientation Leader...

- Submit to the Creative Writing Awards
- Explore LinkedIn and Handshake
- Conduct Informational Interviews with Alumni

YEAR 3 — 30 HOURS

Fall Semester

- British or American Literature
- ENGL 38000 - Research Seminar (or Spring)
- Course for minor
- Course for minor
- Core

Remember that 36 credit hours must be upper-division to graduate

Spring Semester

- Upper level - Global Literature
- ENGL 38000 - Research seminar (if not taken in Fall)
- Course for minor
- Core if needed or Elective toward graduation
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Experience

- Study Abroad
- Apply for Internships
- Join Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society
- Visit the Career Center for Interview Prep
- Prepare a Resume

YEAR 4 — 30 HOURS

Fall Semester

- 3000 level - Critical Theory course
- Upper level - Early Brit or Early Am Literature
- Elective toward major
- Course for minor
- Core if needed or Elective toward graduation

Spring Semester

- ENGL 40273 - Internship or Writing Course
- Elective(s) to complete major
- Take remaining courses needed for graduation

ex. Publication, Digital Humanities, Cyberliteracy...

Experience

- Present at the AddRan Student Research and Creativity Symposium
- Complete an Internship
- Connect with Alumni
- Prepare for Employment or Graduate School

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Choice is part of the plan!

DESIGN YOUR EXPERIENCE

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	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
Educate	• Familiarize yourself with the Core Curriculum • **Meet with your advisor to discuss degree paths** • Explore fields of interest for a minor • Learn about requirements to double major or minor within the department • Explore how the Writing Center can develop writing skills	• **Select a minor** • Meet with your advisor each semester to review your progress • **Research and apply to study abroad programs** • Strengthen your research skills through library instruction classes	• Study abroad • Meet with your advisor each semester to review your progress • **Begin exploring career options and/or graduate school**	• Meet with your advisor prior to your final semester to ensure requirements are met and holds are taken care of • Complete your major and minor • **File your intent to graduate**
Engage	• Make connections with your peers in your classes • Apply for work study • Attend departmental, student organizational, and college activities • **Join a student organization** • Visit the Center for Career and Professional Development to take skills, strengths, and interest inventories	• Apply for work study • **Join department publications such as eleven40seven** • Attend Liberal Arts in Action Week • Attend department events • **Seek a leadership role** • Visit the Center for Connection Culture • Visit TCU Global to explore break trips	• Attend department events • **Apply for internships** • Attend Liberal Arts in Action Week • Seek a leadership role • Apply for work study • **Take an English Dept. community engaged learning course** • Paticipate in TCU's Day of Service	• Assess what experience you are missing and fill in gaps with volunteering, internships, and clubs • Seek at leadership role • **Plan to attend your commencement** • Attend the All Majors Career Fair • Visit the Center for Career and Professional Development to finalize your resume
Excel	• Complete Forage simulations in the Center for Career and Professional Development to develop workplace skills • **Volunteer in the community**	• Complete additional Forage simulations to expand your workplace skillsets • **Submit to the Creative Writing Awards** • Visit the Center for Career and Professional Development to start creating a resume • **Apply for the Excellence in Literary Fiction Scholarship**	• **Schedule informational interviews with English alumni** • Join the AddRan Leadership Program • Explore AddRan Summer Research Funds • **Submit to the Creative Writing Awards** • Prepare to take any required tests, such as the GRE or LSAT • **Join Sigma Tau Delta** • Meet with your AddRan Career Consultant for resume feedback	• **Submit to the Creative Writing Awards** • Join the AddRan Leadership Program • Present at the AddRan Student Research and Creativity Symposium • Ask faculty members for letters of recommendation • **Apply to grad school** • Join Phi Beta Kappa if invited • **Schedule informational interviews with English alumni**

What can you do with an English major?

Authorship

Recognize and create engaging narratives



Dania Kreisel '24
English Major, Writing Minor
Technical Editor and Publisher

"My English and Writing degrees helped me hone my **copyediting** and **design skills** that I use every day in my career."



Glenton Richards '06
English Minor
TV Writer and Author

"The advice from my English professors helped me become a **writer** in my professional life: as a Writers Assistant FX's TV show *Fargo* and in **publishing** my first novel, *The Honor Society*."



Isabella Harris '25
English Major
UT School of Law JD Candidate

"Because of my English major, I feel prepared to **engage** with the density of law school readings, to **write clearly** and carefully, and to add my own thoughts and ideas to discussions."



Jeramey Kraatz '08
English Major
Author, Columbia MFA '12

"With the guidance and passion of my mentors in the English department, I earned an **MFA in writing** and found my career as a novelist and scriptwriter."



Mindy Nickel '12
English Major
Librarian and Costume Designer

"The skills I learned as an English major at TCU laid the groundwork for my careers as a scholarly **communications** librarian and as a costume **designer** for local theatres."



Wyatt Reiter '23
English & Political Science Major
New York Law School JD Candidate

"My English major prepared me for the **intensive writing** I have undertaken in law school while also providing me with a unique perspective, attention to detail, and **analytical strength**."



Andreley Bjelland '19
English Major
Visiting Lecturer at TCU

"I pursued a PhD and career as a professor because of the **exceptional** quality of coursework and faculty mentorship in the TCU English Department."

Publishing

Entertainment

Law

Build effective arguments

Education

Analyze and critique text

Medicine

Understand other points of view

Journalism

Research thoroughly



Robert Benafield '24
English & Biology Major
Med Student at University of Arkansas

"As a Medical Student, I'll be able to use the **cultural awareness** and **empathy** I learned while obtaining my English degree."

Communicate clearly and persuasively

Business

Marketing



Kataeya Karetny-Sharp '25
English Major
Assistant Editor at D Magazine

"My English Major really helped me stand out during my job search. As an Assistant Editor, I use my **cultural awareness** and **critical thinking** skills that were nurtured in the English department."

Politics



Declan Whelan '23
English Minor
Sales and Use Tax Consultant

"The proficiency of my **reading** and **writing skills** has had a profound impact on my work combing through tax law and court rulings and writing critical interpretive analyses."



Erin Crittendon '25
English Major
U.S. House of Representatives Intern

"My English degree prepared me as a **communicator**, researcher, and **writer** — skills that can be used in a variety of fields."



Pilar Olivas '26
English Major
Writer for TCU Magazine

"Whether I am **writing** a news article or summarizing a legal document, I can tell a story to connect with people and **communicate** a message."



Colleen Wyrick '25
English Major
Coordinator of Corporate Comms.

"Being an English major gave me the space to pursue my **passion** and fall in love with stories. Now I get to help tell these **stories** in my role with the Miami Dolphins and Hard Rock Stadium!"



Ariana Milligan '16
English Major
Product Manager and Marketer

"My background as an English major provided the **intellectual framework** for my career. It taught me the skills needed to bridge the gaps between engineering, marketing, and **leadership**."