

English Major (BA)

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Students majoring in English love language because they understand its power to reflect and to shape human experience, and they work hard at mastering it. As readers, they become good analysts of style and content, character, and theme, with an understanding of the traditions and tools of writing and an ability to develop their own disciplined and creative responses to whatever they read—whether they are reading Shakespeare’s *Othello* or a corporate annual report. As writers, they become masters of the principal tool of thought—language—sometimes becoming published writers before they graduate. This mastery of the written word—both as a critical and insightful reader and as an adept and creative writer—provides an excellent foundation for a wide range of professions and for a fulfilling life of continued learning.

NOTE

- ENG 105 can also be used to satisfy core requirements.
- At least 9 credits must be above the 200 level.
- Three credits must be at the 400 level.
- Six credits may be taken in the foreign language above the 100 level.

NOTE: To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from Lyon College, students must successfully complete a minimum of 120 semester credit hours comprised of our required Core curriculum (44–48 hours), the requirements of at least one major (credit hours vary per major), and a selection of our Liberal Arts electives. They must also earn at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average for all work taken at Lyon College and a 2.00 cumulative grade point average in their major, minor, and concentration.

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Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 105	Introduction to World Literature	3
	English Major Elective Surveys (British & American Literature)	9
ENG 302	Survey of Global Anglophone Literature	3
ENG 363	Advanced Composition	3
	English Major: Required Credits (400+ level)	3
	English Major: Additional Required Credits (3 courses)	12

CORE CURRICULUM

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Item #	Title	Credits
	Core Curriculum Requirements (In addition to Major hours)	44–48
	Total Credits	77–81

English Major Elective Surveys (British & American Literature)

Choose three of these courses.

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Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 290	Survey of British Literature I	3
ENG 291	Survey of British Literature II	3
ENG 330	American Literature to 1900	3
ENG 331	American Literature from 1900	3

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Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 402	Seminar in Global Anglophone Literature	3
ENG 433	Nineteenth-century British Literature	3
ENG 441	Shakespeare	3
ENG 442	Faulkner	3
ENG 443	Major Writers	3
ENG 448	Advanced Creative Writing Intensive	3
ENG 450	Independent Study	1-4

English Major: Additional Required Credits (3 courses)

Of the remaining 12 elective hours, six credits must be at the 300 or 400 level. Up to six of these credits may be taken in a foreign language above the 100 level.