

San Diego State University
PROGRAM AND CHECKSHEET FOR THE
ENGLISH MAJOR
With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
For those following the **2008-2011** General Catalog

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This is not the English major that prepares you to get the Single Subject Teaching Credential in English. Students intending to teach high school should complete the "Program and Checklist for the English Major in Preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential" available from the English Department. Students interested in the Single Subject Teaching Credential in English should refer to the General Catalog and visit the Office of Student Services for the College of Education (BA 255) for information about the credential program.
2. All candidates for a degree in English must complete the graduation requirements listed in the General Catalog for the year they declared the major. No more than 54 units in English, comparative literature, or rhetoric and writing studies courses can apply to the degree without a petition.
3. The major in English is designated as an impacted program. New students will be accepted into the program as "pre-majors" until they fulfill the criteria listed on the "Pre-Major" checklist. Once completed, students should see the department adviser to change their major to English. To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the pre-major at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).
4. A minimum of 33 upper-division units must be completed for the English major. Six units of upper-division comparative literature or three units of comparative literature and three units of English 527, 528, or 563 must be included as part of the major in English. This is in addition to any lower-division comparative literature units taken in preparation for the major.
5. All Liberal Arts and Sciences degrees require three semesters of one foreign language or the equivalent (see the General Catalog).
6. A minor is not required for a major in English.
7. Courses numbered 300 and 400, unless specifically listed below, may not be used to satisfy major requirements. These may be used as major electives only. (ENGL 302 is not acceptable as a substitute for ENGL 533.)
8. English majors must take the writing proficiency assessment AND English 308W.

ENGLISH MAJOR HONORS

The English Honors program offers excellent students a variation of the major designed to engage them in work commensurate with their abilities. Honors students in the standard English major will take six (6) units of electives rather than the nine units standard English majors take. Honors students will also take six (6) additional units in upper division courses appropriate for their field of interest, in which they must maintain an A- grade point average, and successfully complete an Honors Thesis (ENGL 499 or CLT 499). The Honors variation of the major consists of 39 upper division units; the standard major consists of 33 upper division units.

Generally, students will apply to this program in their junior year after they have completed at least nine units of lower division preparation for the major and nine units of upper division major requirements with an A- (3.7 GPA) and overall 3.5 GPA.

Applicants must also submit an appropriate sample of their critical or creative work. Students not meeting these requirements may petition for admission to the English honors program. Successful completion of the English honors program will be recognized at graduation.

(OVER)

I. PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR **15 UNITS (Five Courses)** **UNITS**
(May be combined with General Education)

1.	RWS 200 College Composition (GE)	3
2.	ONE of the following: English 220 (GE), 280, 281, Comp. Lit. 270A (GE), 270B (GE)	3
3.	ONE of the following: English 250A, 250B	3
4.	BOTH of the following: English 260A and 260B	6

TOTAL UNITS TOWARD PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

NOTE:

- All students receiving a B.A. in English must take 260A (or its equivalent from a community college) AND 260B (or its equivalent from a community college).
- Transfer students with fifteen units in the courses listed in #2 and #3 above may count these units for preparation for the major and take other designated British literature classes as electives for 260A and 260B.
- Junior and senior students may petition to substitute extra upper-division units for missing lower-division units in the "Preparation for the Major."

II. MAJOR **33 UNITS (Eleven Courses)** **UNITS**

1.	Shakespeare for English majors: ENGL 533	3
2.	ONE specialized course in British Literature before 1800: ENGL 530, 534*, 536, 537, 540A, 541A, 541B, 542. NOTE: This course is required in addition to 533 AND 260A. * = Additional prerequisites	3
3.	ONE specialized course in British Literature after 1800: ENGL 540B, 543, 544. NOTE: This course is required in addition to 260B.	3
4.	TWO courses in American Literature: At least one period course: ENGL 521, 522, 523, 524, or 525 AND A second period course OR ENGL 519, 520, 526	6
5.	ONE writing course: EXPOSITORY WRITING: ENGL 308W NOTE: Take this course after you have completed 60 units, after you take required lower-division writing courses, and after the Writing Proficiency Assessment.	3
6.	TWO courses in Comparative Literature; or English 527, 528, or 563 may be taken for one class. See the General Catalog for upper division comparative literature courses.	6
7.	English and/or Comp. Lit. electives to complete 33 upper-division units.	9

(Your lower-division units in English plus your upper-division units in English plus your units in Comparative Literature must not exceed 54 units altogether.)

TOTAL UNITS TOWARD MAJOR