

HONORS VARIATION

The English honors program offers excellent students a variation of the major designed to engage them in work commensurate with their abilities and to prepare them for the rigors of graduate study. Students in the Standard English Major or in the English Major in Preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential are eligible to apply to the English honors program. Generally, students will apply to the program in their junior year after they have completed at least nine (9) units of lower division preparation for the major and nine (9) 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.

Students work closely with faculty in specific areas of interest and write an honors thesis under the direction of a faculty mentor.

Requirements for English Honors Variation

Standard English Major

Honors variation for Standard English Major consists of 39 upper division units instead of 33 units for the regular major.

1. Six (6) rather than nine units of electives
2. Six (6) additional units of upper division coursework in English, comparative literature, or other departments, with consent of honors adviser.
3. Three (3) units for Honors Thesis (English 499 or Comparative Literature 499). Completion of Honors thesis (roughly 30-40 pages).

English Major in Preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential

Honors variation for English Major in Preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential consists of 48 upper division units, the same as for the regular major.

1. Three (3) units of specialization instead of twelve units.
2. Convert six (6) units of specialization to two courses relevant to the student's honors thesis, with consent of honors adviser. Must maintain A- average.
3. Convert three (3) units of specialization to Honors Thesis (English 499 or Comparative Literature 499). Completion of Honors thesis (roughly 30-40 pages.)

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Also refer to: <http://literature.sdsu.edu/honors/honors.html> for additional information and application form.