

Department of English & Comparative Literature Program Checklist 2025-2026

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English and Comparative Literature Major

B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Major Code: 112101

Undergraduate Adviser, Tracy Cummings

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- All candidates for a degree in English and Comparative Literature must complete the [graduation requirements](#) listed in the General Catalogue for the year they declared the major (assuming continuous enrollment). No more than 54 units in English & Comparative Literature or Rhetoric and Writing Studies courses can apply to the degree without a petition signed by the undergraduate advisor.
- The ECL major is an impacted program. New students will be accepted into the program as pre-majors until they successfully complete the Preparation for the Major requirements listed below.
- A minimum of 33 upper division units must be completed for the ECL major.
- All Liberal Arts and Sciences degrees require three semesters of one foreign language or the equivalent (see the [University Catalog](#)).
- A minor in another department is not required for a major in ECL. The department offers three certificate programs for students wishing to take additional courses in Creative Writing, Creative Editing & Publishing, and Children's Literature. (It is not possible to major and minor in the same department).
- Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR): ECL majors must register for ECL 508w and earn a grade of C (2.0) or better. See [Graduation Requirements](#) in the University Catalog for a complete listing of requirements.
- For information about the ECL Honors Program, please visit this [link](#) and consult the undergraduate advisor.

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR – 15 Units (Five Courses)

(May be combined with General Education)

Courses taken in preparation for the major must be completed with a minimum GPA of 2.50 and a grade of C or higher and with a cumulative GPA of 2.40 or higher.

Students in pre-major status are NOT allowed to enroll in 500-level courses.

RWS 200 Rhetoric of Written Argument in Context	(3)	
ECL 250 Introduction to Literature of the United States		(3)
ECL 260 Introduction to British Literature	(3)	
ECL 270 Introduction to Comparative Literature	(3)	
Three units selected from:		
ECL 220 – The Art of Literature (3 units) <i>or</i> ECL 280 - Introduction to Creative Writing	(3 units)	
		Total: 15

MAJOR – 33 Units (11 Courses)

Courses graded credit (Cr) may not be used to fulfill upper division requirements in the major except for those courses identified in the course listing as graded Cr/NC only. Minimum 2.0 GPA required

Courses in module A explore aspects of the development of the English and American literary traditions over time. Course in module B use literary and cultural studies to engage with a diversity of human societies, viewpoints, and experiences. The writing class listed in module C, ECL 508w, develops a student's scholarly writing. Module D allows students to direct their course of study towards their interests, whether their focus is on creative writing, children's literature, or literary studies.

Module A 3 Units (1 Course)

Select from:

ECL 510a Earlier Histories of British and American Literature
ECL 522 Literature of the United States 1800-1860
ECL 530 Chaucer
ECL 533 Shakespeare
ECL 534 Study of Shakespeare
ECL 536 British Literary Periods, Beginnings to 1660
ECL 537 Milton
ECL 540a English Fiction
ECL 541a English Drama

Module B 6 Units (2 Courses)

Select from:

ECL 440 African Literature
ECL 470 Folk Literature
ECL 513 Nineteenth Century European Literature
ECL 564 Fiction
ECL 565 Ecocriticism
ECL 566 Concepts in Comparative Literature
ECL 594 Topics in Literature and the Arts
ECL 595 Literature and Aesthetics

Module C 3 Units (1 Course)

ECL 508w

Module D 21 Units (7 Courses) Electives

Select from:

Courses numbered ECL 300 to 599 *with the exception* of classes we offer for non-ECL majors. **Do not take: ECL 306a, 306w, 308w, or ECL 401.**

Total: 33 Units