



ENGLISH AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE (ECL) MAJOR

B.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences (SIMS Major Code: 112101)

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PLEASE NOTE

- All candidates for a degree in ECL must complete the graduation requirements listed in the University Catalog for the year they declared the major (assuming continuous enrollment). No more than 54 units in English & Comparative Literature or Rhetoric & Writing Studies courses can apply to the degree without a petition signed by the undergraduate director.
- 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 director.

Preparation for the Major - 15 units (five courses) ***(may be combined with General Education)***

Courses in preparation for the major must be completed with a minimum GPA of 2.50 and a grade of C or higher. To advance from pre-major to major a student must also have 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 Arguments in Context (3 units)

ECL 250 - Introduction to Literature of the United States (3 units)

ECL 260 - Introduction to British Literature (3 units)

ECL 270 - Introduction to Comparative Literature (3 units)

Three units selected from:

ECL 220 - The Art of Literature (3 units) *or* ECL 280 - Introduction to Creative Writing (3 units)

Major - 33 units (eleven courses)

A minimum of 33 upper division units to include 3 units in an early period, 6 units of comparative literature, 3 units of ECL 508W, and 21 units of upper division ECL electives.

Courses in module A are oriented towards exploring aspects of the development of the English and American literary traditions over time. Courses in module B are oriented towards using literary and cultural studies to engage with a diversity of human societies, viewpoints, and experiences. The writing class listed in Module C, ECL 508W, will develop a student's scholarly writing.

Module A. Three Units Selected from one of the following early period courses

ECL 510A - Earlier Histories of British and American Literature (3 units)

ECL 522 - Literature of the United States, 1800-1860 (3 units)

ECL 530 - Chaucer (3 units)

ECL 533 - Shakespeare (3 units)

ECL 534 - Study of Shakespeare (3 units)

ECL 536 - British Literary Periods, Beginnings to 1660 (3 units)

ECL 537 - Milton (3 units)

ECL 540A - English Fiction (3 units)

ECL 541A - English Drama (3 units)

Module B. Six Units Selected from two of the following comparative literature courses

ECL 440 - African Literature (3 units)

ECL 445 - Modern Latin American Literature (3 units)

ECL 470 - Folk Literature (3 units)

ECL 513 - Nineteenth Century European Literature (3 units)

ECL 564 - World Literatures (3 units)

ECL 565 - Ecocriticism (3 units)

ECL 566 - Concepts in Comparative Studies (3 units)

ECL 594 - Topics in Literature and the Arts (3 units)

ECL 595 - Literature and Aesthetics (3 units)

Module C.

ECL 508W - The Writing of Criticism (3 units).

A grade of C (2.0) or better must be earned in this class.

This class satisfies the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) for students who have completed 60 units and completed General Education requirements in Communication and Critical Thinking. Proof of completion of prerequisite(s) required.

Module D.

Twenty-one additional units of upper division ECL courses (300-, 400-, and 500-level classes).