

ENGLISH

Associate in Arts Degree | Transfer Degree | Department of English

Program Description

An interdisciplinary program designed for students who wish to major or minor in English at four-year colleges and seek career opportunities in diverse fields — such as creative, professional and/or institutional writing — that require strong verbal and writing skills. Focus will be on reading literary texts from various periods and developing critical skills required to analyze and write about these texts.

The AA English program is available for students in the traditional, in-person format as well partially or fully online.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the English degree program requirements, students will be able to:

1. Write thesis-driven, textually supported essays of critical analysis and demonstrate in those essays knowledge of established critical approaches to literature.
2. Write essays in clear expository prose, with fluent and varied sentences that are well-organized and grammatically correct.
3. Apply key critical and literary concepts in written essays of literary interpretation using primary and secondary sources.
4. Demonstrate research skills using appropriate academic online sources and/or traditional library resources, including gathering, evaluating, interpreting, and synthesizing primary and secondary sources.

ENGLISH (PATHWAYS)

60 Credits required for AA Degree

Curriculum Coordinator: Dr. Kathleen Urda

Required Core

- A. English Composition¹ (6 Credits)
- B. Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning (3 Credits)
- C. Life and Physical Sciences (3-4 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 12-13

Flexible Core²

- A. World Cultures and Global Issues (3 Credits)
- B. U.S. Experience in Its Diversity (3 Credits)
- C. Creative Expression (3 Credits)
- D. Individual and Society (3 Credits)
- E. Scientific World (3 Credits)

Restricted Elective: Select one additional course from Area A-E (3 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 18

Major Requirements

NOTE: Students will complete a minimum of three credits of these requirements within the Flexible Core. Transfer students who have completed Common Core requirements at a previous institution will not be required to complete credits in excess of the 60 credit requirement.

- ART 11 Introduction to Art *OR*
ART 12 Introduction to Art History: Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East *OR*
MUS 11 Introduction to Music *OR*
MUS 12 Introduction to Music: A Multi-Cultural Survey of World Music (0-3 Credits)
- COMM 11 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication (0-3 Credits)
- HISTORY: Select one course from history (0-3 Credits)
- WORLD LANGUAGES: Select TWO from the same language at the appropriate level (0-6 Credits)
- SOCIAL SCIENCE: Select ONE from ANT, CRJ, ECO, POL, PSY, SOC (0-3 Credits)

Additional Major Requirements

- Free Electives (0-13 Credits)
- LAB³ Science Laboratory (0-1 Credit)
- PEA Physical Education *OR*
HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (1-2 Credits)

English Requirements

- ENG 155 Introduction to Literary Studies (3 Credits)
- ENG⁴ Choose any THREE from the following courses: (0-9)
 - ENG 121 Introduction to Creative Writing
 - ENG 124 Great Writers of English Literature I
 - ENG 125 Great Writers of English Literature II
 - ENG 133 Modern American Short Story
 - ENG 140 Folklore
 - ENG 141 History of the English Language
 - ENG 147 Latino Literature
 - ENG 148 Afro-Caribbean Literature
 - ENG 150 U.S. Literature and Thought I
 - ENG 151 U.S. Literature and Thought II
 - ENG 153 The Black Writer in American Literature
 - ENG 154 Black Poetry
 - ENG 156 Children's Literature
 - ENG 157 Introduction to Women's Literature
 - ENG 161 Shakespeare
 - ENG 172 The Bible as Literature

SUBTOTAL 29-30

¹ English majors will be advised to take ENG 113, Writing About Literature, as their second composition course. However, the following courses will be accepted as fulfilling this requirement as well: ENG 112 Composition and Rhetoric II; ENG 114 Written Composition and Prose Fiction; ENG 115 Written Composition and Drama; or ENG 116 Written Composition and Poetry.

² Students planning to transfer to John Jay College are advised to take one of their ENG electives in the flexible core.

