

BACHELOR OF ARTS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

THE STUDENT MUST DO THE FOLLOWING TO RECEIVE A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE:

1. COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDIT HOURS OF STUDY, AT LEAST 60 OF WHICH OR AT LEAST THE LAST 36 CREDITS BEFORE GRADUATION ARE AT SOUTHERN VIRGINIA. NO MORE THAN 9 CREDIT HOURS WILL BE GRANTED FOR INTERNSHIP COURSES.
2. COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTHERN VIRGINIA CORE.
3. COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF AT LEAST ONE MAJOR.
4. EARN A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 2.00 ON ALL COURSE WORK TAKEN AT THE UNIVERSITY.
5. COMPLY WITH ALL UNIVERSITY STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES, FROM THE DATE OF MATRICULATION THROUGH THE DATE OF FINAL GRADUATION.

ENGLISH MAJOR (30 HOURS)

Studying English is tremendously rewarding and has much to offer both the practical and the inquiring student. Students focus on the essential human endeavors of reading, analysis, interpretation and writing. English study enhances aesthetic perception and engages us vicariously through literature. By studying perennial themes and questions of the human condition, students gain an understanding of their own lives in today's world. Students study literary and other texts in generic, aesthetic, historical, religious and other contexts, including the theoretical and interdisciplinary contexts the faculty bring to the courses they teach.

The English major prepares the student for any career that requires perceptive reading, orderly and clear thinking, and persuasive and graceful oral and written expression. For example, careers such as law, medicine, education, business, organizational management, writing, and publishing and editing rely heavily on skills developed in the English major. Opportunities for the English major are found in careers as diverse as teaching, business and industry, professional and technical writing, journalism, editing, personnel work, sales, government service, advertising, script writing and public information. English study supports lifelong personal enrichment, moral citizenship and family life.

Program Coordinator: Dallin Lewis

Major Requirements (30 credit hours)

Major Core (6 credit hours):

- ENG 200 Introduction to Literary Studies (3)
- ENG 498 Senior Paper (3)

Major Electives I (6 credit hours) Two courses from the following:

- ENG 230 British Literature I (3)
- ENG 240 British Literature II (3)
- ENG 250 American Literature (3)

Major Electives II (18 credit hours): an additional six courses from among the remaining Electives I course and upper-division English courses or upper-division humanities courses as approved by the English program coordinator. The six elective courses must include each of the following courses:

1. ENG 335R Topics in Early British Literature
2. ENG 345R Topics in Later British Literature
3. ENG 355R Topics in American Literature

Up to two upper-division creative writing courses may count towards the major electives. Credit earned in student newspaper or literary magazine courses does not count towards the English major or minor.

Minor Requirements (18 credit hours)

Minor Core (9 credit hours):

- ENG 200 Introduction to Literary Studies (3)

Any two courses from:

- ENG 230 British Literature I (3)
- ENG 240 British Literature II (3)
- ENG 250 American Literature (3)

Minor Electives (9 credit hours):

- Any three English Courses. Only one of these three courses may be in creative writing.