**ENGLISH MAJOR – ADVISING SHEET**

Students pursuing the English major can earn either (I) a B.A. in English or (II) a B.A. *with research distinction* in English. Option I requires the completion of 13 courses (39 hrs). Option II requires the completion of 13 courses (39 hrs), *plus* 4 – 6 credit hours of English thesis coursework. Students must have a cumulative minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C) for all courses in the major program and a minimum grade of C- for each individual major course. A minimum grade of C is required for all courses used to complete the D.1. concentration requirement listed below.

**Option I: B.A. in English**

**A. Survey of English Literature and Literary History, 9 hrs total**

1. English 2201 British Literature: Origins to 1800 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs)

2. English 2290 Colonial & U.S. Literature to 1865 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs)

3. Choose One: English 2202 British Literature: 1800 to Present

English 2291 U.S. Literature: 1865 to Present \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs)

**B. Diversity in English Studies, 3 hrs total**

1. Choose One: English 4577.01 Folklore I: Groups and Communities

English 4580 Special Topics in LGBTQ Literatures and Cultures

English 4581 Special Topics in U.S. Ethnic Literatures

English 4582 Special Topics in African-American Literature

English 4586 Studies in American Indian Literature and Culture

English 4587 Studies in Asian American Literature and Culture

English 4588 Studies in Latino/a Literature and Culture

English 4589 Studying the Margins: Power, Language, and Culture

English 4592 Special Topics in Women in Literature and Culture***1***

English 4597.01 The Disability Experience in the Contemporary World \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs)

**C. Electives in English Studies, 9 hrs total**

1. Choose One: Any English course at the 2000-level or higher***2*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs)

2. Choose One: Any English course at the 3000-level or higher ***3*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs)

3. Choose One: Any English course at the 3000-level or higher, *outside concentration****4*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs)

**D. Area of Concentration, 18 hrs total**

*Choose from the following concentration areas: Literature (LIT); Writing, Rhetoric, and Literacy (WRL); Creative Writing (CW); or Folklore (FOLK). Course requirements for each concentration are listed in the table below.*

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|  | **LIT*5*** | **WRL*+*** | **CW*++*** | **FOLK** |  |
| 1. | English 2298 | English 2279 | English 2298 | English 2270 | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs) |
| 2. | Pre-1800 Lit course at 3000-level or higher***6*** | Writing/Writing Studies course at 3000-level or higher | CW workshop at 2000-level or higher (*genre must differ from C.1. above*) | Sociolinguistics course at 4000-level or higher | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs) |
| 3. | Pre-1900 Lit course at 3000-level or higher | Rhetorical Studies course at 3000-level or higher | CW workshop at 3000-level or higher, or English 3662 or 4591.01H | Romanticism course at 4000-level or higher | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs) |
| 4. | LIT elective course at 3000-level or higher***7*** | Literacy/Language Studies course at 3000-level or higher | CW workshop at 3000-level or higher | FOLK elective course at 2000-level or higher | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs) |
| 5. | LIT elective course at 3000-level or higher***8*** | WRL elective course at 3000-level or higher | CW workshop at 4000-level or higher | FOLK elective course at 4000-level or higher | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs) |
| 6. | LIT elective course at 3000-level or higher***9, 10*** | WRL elective course at 3000-level or higher | CW workshop at 4000-level or higher | FOLK elective course at 4000-level or higher | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3 hrs) |

**Option II: B.A. *With Research Distinction* in English**

Students planning to pursue *research distinction* in English will complete all requirements (A – D) listed under Option I as well as 4 – 6 credit hours of English 4999, the course number assigned for work on undergraduate theses. All students are encouraged to consider completing a thesis under the direction of a faculty advisor(s). Thesis projects may involve the drafting of a scholarly research paper; the production of a novel, set of short stories, or collection of poems; the analysis of narratives and/or other qualitative data collected from a particular cultural or regional community; and/or the creation of a digital media artifact. Students are encouraged to talk with members of the English faculty and Ruth Friedman, Undergraduate Studies Academic Program Manager, as early as possible in their undergraduate careers if they are interested in developing a thesis project or would like more information about the thesis process and requirements.

**Requirements for Honors Students Pursuing Option I or II**

English majors who are members of the ASC Honors Program will complete all 13 requirements (A – D) listed under Option I; however, at least 3 of these 13 courses must come from the following list of 4000-level English honors seminars:

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| English 4578H Special Topics in Film | English 4590.07H Literature in English After 1945 |
| English 4590.01H The Middle Ages | English 4590.08H U.S. and Colonial Literature |
| English 4590.02H The Renaissance | English 4590.09 Selected Topics in Lit & Literary Interpretation |
| English 4590.03H The Long 18th Century | English 4591.01H Special Topics in the Study of Creative Writing |
| English 4590.04H Romanticism | English 4591.02H Special Topics in the Study of Rhetoric |
| English 4590.05H The Later 19th Century | English 4597.04H Interdisc. Approaches to Narrative in Contemp. World |
| English 4590.06H The Modern Period | --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- |

English majors who are members of the ASC Honors Program and who want pursue Option II (a B.A. *with* *research distinction* in English) will complete all 13 course requirements (A – D) listed under Option I using at least 3 courses from the above list of 4000-level English honors seminars. In addition, these students will complete 4 – 6 credit hours of English 4999H, the course number assigned for work on undergraduate theses by English majors who are members of ASC Honors.

***Notes for English Majors planning to attend a post-baccalaureate or M.Ed. licensure program in Integrated Language Arts/English Education***

***1***Take English 4592 to fulfill the Diversity in English Studies requirement.

***2***Take EDUT&L 2389 Laboratory Experiences in English Education to fulfill the C.1. elective requirement.

***3***Take EDUT&L 3356 Literature for Adolescents to fulfill the C.2. elective requirement.

***4***Take English 4570 Intro to the History of English to fulfill the C.3. elective outside-concentration requirement.

***5***Choose the Literature (LIT) concentration.

***6***Take English 4520.01 Shakespeare or English 4520.02 Special Topics in Shakespeare to fulfill the Pre-1800 Lit requirement.

***7***Take English 4583 World Literature to fulfill this LIT elective requirement.

***8***Take one of the following Diversity in English Studies course to fulfill this LIT elective requirement: English 4580, 4581, 4582, 4586, 4587, or 4588.

***9*** Take English 3378 Literature and Film or English 4578 Special Topics in Film to fulfill this LIT elective requirement.

***10*** Although not required for the English major, students interested in Ohio State’s M.Ed. program in English Education should also plan to take the following three courses as part of their undergraduate curriculum: COMM 2210 *or* COMM 2131, ESSPED 5650, and ESEPSY 5401 *or* Psych 3551.

***Additional Notes***

***+*** English majors pursuing the WRL concentration must complete a course in digital media studies. Students can complete either (a) English 2269 Digital Media Composing and apply it to the C.1. elective requirement or (b) English 4569 Digital Media and English Studies and apply it to the WRL concentration requirement D.2, D.5, or D.6. Other courses focused on digital media production may be used toward this requirement with the pre-approval of an English Advisor.

***++*** English majors pursuing the CW concentration must complete a 2000-level or higher CW workshop outside of their chosen genre of specialization (i.e., Fiction, Non-Fiction, or Poetry). Student should plan to apply this outside-their-chosen-genre course to the C.1 elective requirement.