

Foundations of English Studies Minor

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The Foundations of English Studies minor offers students a broad exposure to the variety of works, genres, and modes of writing that Pitt's unique English department encompasses. Pitt English is composed of four programs: Literature, Film, Writing, and Composition (Public and Professional Writing). In contrast to a minor in any one of these programs, the minor in the Foundations of English Studies includes coursework from all of them. It is tailored to students who wish to explore the range of curricula in our department, including those who specialize in English in the School of Education. This course of study should also appeal to students who have satisfied multiple General Education requirements in the Department of English and now wish to finalize that work with a credential. This minor can be partnered with many other programs across campus, including those within English and through its joint programs with other schools.

ENGLIT Courses (Choose 9 credits)

ENGLIT 0300	Introduction to Literature
ENGLIT 0315	Reading Poetry
ENGLIT 0321	Essays and Memoirs
ENGLIT 0325	The Short Story
ENGLIT 0365	Imagining Social Justice
ENGLIT 0506	Literary Field Studies
ENGLIT 0560	Children and Culture
ENGLIT 0562	Childhood's Books
ENGLIT 0570	American Literature
ENGLIT 0580	Introduction to Shakespeare
ENGLIT 0610	Women and Literature
ENGLIT 0655	Representing Adolescence
ENGLIT 0880	Shakespeare and Social Justice
ENGLIT 1135	Literature, Media, and Science in the Age of
	Shakespeare
ENGLIT 1150	Enlightenment to Revolution
ENGLIT 1175	19th Century British Literature
ENGLIT 1200	American Literature to 1860
ENGLIT 1220	Civil War to World War I in American Literature
ENGLIT 1225	19th Century African American Literature
ENGLIT 1230	20 th Century African American
ENGLIT 1380	World Literature in English
ENGLIT 1382	Prized Books
ENGLIT 1635	Children in Pittsburgh
ENGLIT 1645	Critical Approaches to Children's Literature

ENCMP Courses (choose 3 credits)

ENGCMP 0540	Introduction to Disability Studies
ENGCMP 0545	Writing for Accessibility
ENGCMP 1210	Tutoring Peer Writers
ENGCMP 1551	History and Politics of the English Language
ENGCMP 1552	Language, Literacy, Learning

ENGFLM Courses (Choose 3 credits)

ENGFLM 0355	Visual Literacy
ENGFLM 0400	Introduction to Film
ENGFLM 0401	Images, Icons, and Ideas
ENGFLM 1479	Children and Media

ENGFLM 1533	Disability in Film and Television
ENGFLM 1790	Film and Literature

ENGWRT Courses (Choose 3 credits)

ENGWRT 0400	Introduction to Creative Writing
ENGWRT 0520	Introduction to Fiction Writing
ENGWRT 0530	Introduction to Poetry Writing

ENGWRT 0610 Introduction to Journalism and Nonfiction

Checklist for the Foundations of English Studies Minor

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ENGCMP Courses (choose 3 credits)

 ENGCMP	0540
 ENGCMP	0545
 ENGCMP	1210
 ENGCMP	1551
ENGCMP	1552

ENGFLM	Courses (choose 3 credits)
	ENGFLM 0355
	ENGFLM 0400
	ENGFLM 0401
	ENGFLM 1479
	ENGFLM 1533
	ENGFLM 1790
ENGWRT	Courses (choose 3 credits)
	ENGWRT 0400
	ENGWRT 0520
	ENGWRT 0530
	ENGWRT 0610

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Satisfactory/No Credit option

There is no limit on the number of courses in the major that can be taken on an S/NC basis. Note that S is the equivalent of a C or better.

Grade requirements

A minimum grade of C or better (not C-) is required in any 0500-level ENGWRT course to advance to the first 1000-level course in that track. Students who earn less than a C in their first 1000-level course may not advance to the other courses in that track. Moreover, students must earn a minimum grade of C or better (not C-) in their Senior Seminar course.

Writing (W) requirement

English writing majors automatically fulfill both of the Arts and Sciences W-course requirements. Students pursuing a second major would be required to complete an additional W course for that major.

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Checklist for the Creative Writing minor

A student must complete 18 credits of English writing courses, with a 3-course concentration in one of the tracks. A student can declare both a major and a minor in different tracks, provided that they do not overlap courses. Completion of both programs requires 51 credits.

Required course
ENGWRT 0400 Introduction to Creative Writing
One of the following groups of courses
ENGWRT 0520 Introduction to Fiction ENGWRT 1010 Intermediate Fiction
ENGWRT 1094 Readings in Contemporary Fiction
ENGWRT 0530 Introduction to Poetry
ENGWRT 1210 Poetry Workshop
ENGWRT 1290 Readings in Contemporary Poetry
ENGWRT 0610 Introduction to Journalism and
ENGWRT 1330 Intermediate Nonfiction
ENGWRT 1390 Readings in Contemporary Nonfiction
Two elective courses
ENGWRT 0500-level or higher ENGWRT 0500-level or higher