



Bachelor of Arts, 3-Year Concentration in English

Program Planning Guide 2026/2027

Program Overview

The English program at St. Mary's University offers students the opportunity to develop a rich and broad understanding of literary texts, contexts, and interpretations. The program stresses critical thinking, incisive consideration of texts (oral and written), and clear communication through a synthesis of creative, critical, and theoretical methods. At St. Mary's, the English degree programs allow students to approach texts within an interdisciplinary environment fostering a spirit of open inquiry. Courses in the English program offer all students the opportunity to experience literature and complement all courses of study. A degree program in English offers students a chance to immerse themselves in a rigorous study of literature and literary forms.

The **three-year Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in English** has been designed for individuals who seek a broad and extensive interdisciplinary education in the liberal arts tradition. The concentration in English grounds students in critical, analytic, and communicative methods. Through the study of literary texts, genres, and periods, students are introduced to methods of reading, interpreting, and synthesizing a broad and diverse range of ideas.

The program reflects the commitment of St. Mary's University to a liberal education as valuable for its own sake since it provides individuals the opportunity to discover and eventually realize their human potential. In addition to providing personal fulfillment, the program prepares students to think critically and communicate clearly. Such skills are in keen demand for a variety of careers including the fields of journalism, research, politics, publishing, education, library and information science, social work, pastoral care, fundraising, government service, advertising, and public relations.

Admission

New students may apply directly to the program when they apply for admission. Current students may be admitted to the program by submitting a *Change of Program Form* to the Enrolment Services Office for processing.

Program Requirements

Students are strongly recommended to meet with an academic advisor on a regular basis throughout the program. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have met the requirements for graduation.

This planning guide is designed to help students keep track of their progress in meeting degree requirements. Course descriptions may be found in the St. Mary's University calendar.

A. Liberal Arts Core (18 credits)

- _____ ENGL 200A: Studies in Literature: Middle Ages to 1660 (3 credits)
- _____ ENGL 200B: Literature in English from the 1660 to the Present (3 credits)
- _____ HIST 200A: History of Ideas: Antiquity to the Reformation (3 credits)
- _____ HIST 200B: History of Ideas: Scientific Revolution to 20th Century (3 credits)
- _____ PHIL 351: Ethics (3 credits)
- _____ RLGS 205: Reading Biblical Texts (3 credits)

B. Special Requirements (12 credits)

- / _____ 6 credits in a language other than English (may include LING 301)
- / _____ 6 credits in Natural & Mathematical Sciences (ASTR, BCEM, BIOL, CHEM, CPSC 215, HMKN 205, MATH, PHYS, SCIE, STAT)

C. English Requirements (33 credits)

- _____ 3 credits in Medieval/Early Modern Literature (ENGL 303, 305, 309, 313, 315, 335, ENGL 381.1, 381.11)
- _____ 3 credits in 18th & 19th Century Literature (ENGL 311, 317, 331, 337, 339, 381.4, ENGL 381.5, 381.9, 381.12, 397.2, 397.3)
- _____ 3 credits in 20th/21st Century Literature (ENGL 325, 327, 333, 334.1, 334.2, 343, ENGL 347, 349, 379, 381.3, 381.6, 381.8, 381.10)
- / _____ 6 credits in Cultural Studies & Non Period Specific Literature (CLAS 321, 323; ENGL 329, 334.1, 334.2, 341, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 372, 381.12, 383, 391, ENGL 392, 394.1, 394.2, 397.4, 397.6, 397.7, 397.8)
- _____ 9 additional senior credits in English from *Medieval/Early Modern Literature, 18th & 19th Century Literature, 20th/21st Century Literature, Cultural Studies & Non-Period Specific Literature*. May also include ENGL 401.
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- _____ ENGL 467: *Introduction to Literary Theory & Criticism* (3 credits) (to be taken in final year of the program)
- _____ ENGL 469: *Modern & Contemporary Literary Theory & Criticism* (3 credits) (to be taken in final year of the program)
- _____ ENGL 465: *Advanced Literary Research Methods* (3 credits) (to be taken in final year of the program)

D. Cultural Breadth Requirements (6 credits)

- _____ 3 credits in Cultural Diversity & Non-European Traditions (BIOL 307, CLAS 321, ENGL 329, ENGL 353, ENGL 372, ENGL 383, GEOG 203, GEOG 213, HIST 301.1, HIST 301.3, HIST 301.4, HIST 301.5, HIST 301.6, HIST 301.7, HIST 301.8, HIST 302, HIST 307, HIST 327, HIST 377, INST 201, POLI 213, POLI 283, POLI 359, PSYC 355, PSYC 357, RLGS 203, RLGS 363, SOCI 375, SOCI 377)
- _____ 3 credits in Western Culture & Social Traditions (ART 201, ART 203, ART 305, ART 307, ART 325, ART 355, ART 405, CLAS 209, CLAS 315, CLAS 323, DRAM 201, DRAM 203, ENGL 334, ENGL 381.11, ENGL 394.1, ENGL 394.2, GREK 201, GREK 203, HIST 321, HIST 323, HIST 329, HIST 331, HIST 335, HIST 363, HIST 365, HIST 395, HIST 437, IDST 301, PHIL 201 (highly recommended), PSYC 305, RLGS 201, RLGS 331, RLGS 333, RLGS 363, SOCI 327, SOCI 343, SOCI 393)

90-Credit Degree

Junior/Senior Requirements

45 credits must be taken at the **300- or 400-level**.

Directed Studies

Students are allowed a **maximum of 9.0 credits hours** of directed studies in their degree program.

Program Standing

In order to remain in the program, students must maintain a cumulative **GPA of 2.0** and a cumulative **GPA of 2.0** in senior English courses. Students who do not meet these requirements may not graduate.

Residence Requirement

All students must complete at least **45 credits** at St. Mary's University.

Graduation

In the final year of study, an *Application to Graduate* must be submitted by October 1.

This guide is for your convenience only and should not replace the St. Mary's University Calendar, which is the final authority regarding degree program requirements and academic regulations.

E. Electives (21 credits)

**be attentive to Jr./Sr. requirements. May include ENGL 211, ENGL 371, ENGL 373, ENGL 381.7 and ENGL 397.1*

_____ elective: _____ (3 credits)

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