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Advising Sheet: B.A., English (starting Fall 2025 or later)

General Education Requirements

To complete the WCUPA General Education program, you must take approved courses that meet each of the requirements below. A list of approved courses can be found in WCU's Course Catalog. If you are a transfer student, please consult the Course Catalog for current Writing Emphasis and Speaking Emphasis requirements for your credit level.

Term	Course	Requirement
		First Year Experience
		WRT/FYW 120 *or* WRT/FYW 123
		WRT/FYW 200
		MAT 103 or higher
		Interdisciplinary
		Diverse Communities
		Ethics
		Science #1
		Science #2
		Behavioral and Social Science #1
		Behavioral and Social Science #2

Term	Course	Requirement
		Humanities #1
		Humanities #2
		Art
		Writing Emphasis #1
		Writing Emphasis #2
		Writing Emphasis #3
		Speaking Emphasis Course #1
		Speaking Emphasis Course #2
		Speaking Emphasis Course #3 **(ENG 499)**

Language and Culture Requirements

We recommend you complete your language study to the 202 level. If scheduling or capacity prevents this, consult with your advisor about completing one of the Culture Cluster options:

- *Complete a language through the 102 level, plus three culture cluster courses (max 2 courses with the same prefix)*
- *Complete a language through the 201 level, plus two culture cluster courses (any prefix)*

Not every language offers a culture cluster option. Consult the undergraduate catalog and the Department of Languages and Cultures for more information about the available culture clusters.

Term	Course	Requirement
		Language 101
		Language 102
		Language 201 or Culture Cluster Course
		Language 202 or Culture Cluster Course
		Culture Cluster Course (if needed)

B.A., English Requirements

Consult with your English faculty advisor about courses for the B.A., English requirements, as well as when you have questions about your degree progress.

Core Courses (4 courses)

Term	Core Course Requirement
	ENG 201
	ENG 202
	ENG 206 *or* ENG 296
	LIN 230

Middle Courses (8 courses)

You'll choose from the Identity & Representation, Social Justice & Advocacy, or Pop Culture focus areas.

Focus Area #1: _____

Term	Course	Requirement
		Focus Area Course #1
		Focus Area Course #2

Term	Course	Requirement
		Focus Area Course #3
		Focus Area Course #4

Focus Area #2 *or* Courses Toward an English-Related Minor: _____

*Here, you can complete a second focus area from the ones listed above **or** complete four courses toward an English-related minor: African/African American Literature, Creative Writing, Digital Humanities, Film Criticism, Journalism, Linguistics, Literature and Diverse Cultures, or Professional and Technical Writing.*

Note: You must take eight separate "middle courses;" that is, you cannot use the same course to complete two focus areas (or to count as part of a focus area and a minor area).

Additional Information:

- ***LIN Minor Courses:** If you take courses toward the Linguistics minor, you must choose three courses among ENG 240, ENG 250, ENG 325, ENG 331, ENG 335, ENG 339, and LIN 300 (which are all part of the English BA). LIN 230 (a core course) counts toward the Linguistics minor, so you must also take an additional English elective if you complete courses toward this minor.*
- ***DHM Minor Courses:** If you take courses toward the Digital Humanities minor, you must take DHM 280, DHM 325, DHM 405, and one elective chosen from DHM 210, DHM 220, DHM 260, ENG 320, WRH 205, and WRH 320.*

Term	Course	Requirement
		Course #1
		Course #2
		Course #3
		Course #4

or

Term	Course	Requirement
		Linguistics Course #1
		Linguistics Course #2
		Linguistics Course #3
		Non-Linguistics English elective

Senior Seminars & Capstone

Term	Course	Requirement
		ENG 400 #1
		ENG 400 #2
		ENG 499 *(taken as a senior; offered fall/spring)*

Minor/Electives[1]

Term:	**Course #1:**	**Term:**	**Course #4:**
Term:	**Course #2:**	**Term:**	**Course #5:**
Term:	**Course #3:**	**Term:**	**Course #6:**

[1] **If you complete an English-related minor, you may count up to **four classes** from the English BA's Core Courses and Middle Courses toward the minor; however, you still need 120 total hours to graduate. If you take electives, we strongly encourage you to consider an internship (ENG 395).*