ENGLISH (LITERATURE)
Program Code: H.ENG.AA

Associate in Arts (A.A.)
Graduation requirement — 60 semester hours

The English (Literature) program is for students interested in literature and literary studies and/or planning to transfer as a junior into a baccalaureate English program. Because literature deals with the full range of human experience, the program's recommended literature and creative writing courses offer an excellent supplement to all of the general education requirements for the A.A. degree. Students are encouraged to complete the A.A. degree prior to transferring to maximize transferability of credits. Because baccalaureate program admission is competitive, completion of the recommended courses and the Parkland degree do not guarantee admission.

Students should plan their transfer programs with a Parkland academic advisor or counselor and the catalog of the four-year college or university they plan to attend.

Program note*
Recommended courses are designed to facilitate completion of the A.A. degree and transfer into a four-year college or university with junior standing in a chosen academic path. Students are advised to follow the recommendations.

Required General Education Core Courses (38 hours) Cr. Hrs.
Communications (9)
ENG 101 Composition I .................................. 3
ENG 102 Composition II .................................. 3
COM 103 Introduction to Public Speaking .............. 3
Humanities/Fine Arts electives ........................... 9
  • Choose at least one course from Humanities and one from Fine Arts
Social/Behavioral Sciences electives ................. 9
  • Soc/Beh Sci courses must be from at least two disciplines
  • One course from Hum/Fine Arts or Soc/Beh Sci must fulfill the non-Western culture requirement
Mathematics elective ..................................... 3
Life Sciences (laboratory-based) elective ............ 4
Physical Sciences (laboratory-based) elective ........ 4

Recommended Literature and Writing Courses (6 hours)
Choose any two literature or creative writing courses in addition to the literature elective. Requirements for the English major vary widely from one institution to another, with some programs requiring or including new courses at the lower-division level. If a particular program does not offer a course, or does not offer it at the lower-division level, the transfer student will receive credit toward graduation for the course, but the credits may not apply toward the number of credits required in the major. Upon transfer to a baccalaureate institution, students may expect 3 to 9 semester credits to be applied to a major in English.

The courses below are those most likely to be accepted as major courses in baccalaureate English programs. Students are encouraged to keep course syllabi and a writing portfolio to assist in articulating courses not included below and for outcomes assessment in the major.

Common survey courses:
LIT 201 British Literature I
LIT 202 British Literature II
LIT 204 American Literature I

Common genre courses:
LIT 121 Introduction to Poetry
LIT 126 Introduction to Drama
LIT 127 Introduction to Fiction

A few universities require a multicultural or human diversity course within the English major. Universities with such a requirement may accept:
LIT 141 Introduction to African-American Literature
LIT 146 Introduction to Non-Western Literature
LIT 147 Introduction to African Literature
LIT 148 Introduction to Latin American Literature

A few universities offer a specialization in creative writing. Universities offering the creative writing specialization will accept one of the following courses in the creative writing specialization only:
ENG 161 Creative Writing I — Fiction
ENG 162 Creative Writing I — Poetry
ENG 261 Creative Writing II — Fiction
ENG 262 Creative Writing II — Poetry

A.A. Degree Requirement (3 hours)
LAS 188 Introduction to Liberal Arts and Sciences
or LAS 189 Diverse U.S. Cultural Expression ............ 3

Electives (13 hours)
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Total Semester Credit Hours 60