

# English MAJOR MAP

Possible Programs of Study:



College of Arts & Sciences

## 1ST YEAR

### COURSES YOU NEED (core courses, requirements, electives...)

In year one you will familiarize yourself with the English BA Checklist and take ENGL 291: Introduction to the English Major. You also will complete the first two courses of the GenEd core (WRIT 101 and HMXP 102). You also may take some 200-level ENGL and WRIT courses alongside your GenEd courses. You may want to consider satisfying your foreign language requirement during your first year. (See the English BA Checklist for details).

### GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE (clubs, jobs, volunteering, research, internships...)

Consider joining the Winthrop Literary Society, the Creative Writing Club, and NCTE (the National Council of Teachers of English). Find the English Department on the second floor of Bancroft, meet your advisor and the chair, and enjoy relaxing and making friends with other majors in the student reading room. Apply to write for one of Winthrop's student newspapers: The Johnsonian or The Roddy McMillian Record.

### GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY (conferences, student gov't, associations...)

Find Knowledge Park and take MyRide to explore the city of Rock Hill. Find the Writing Center and consider free tutoring; go to one of the "Research Parties" hosted by the Library and Writing Center. Attend the presentations of visiting creative writers and look for opportunities to meet with them. Attend other cultural events, too! Stay alert for opportunities to read your own work.

### GET THINKING GLOBALLY (study abroad, travel, 3rd year exchange...)

Attend the International Center's Casual Friday; get to know an international student. Learn about the department's short-term study abroad English courses. Discuss the long-term study abroad experience with an International student and think about whether it's something you want to do.

### GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION (career or grad school prep)

Attend a departmental workshop on "Resume Writing for English Majors." Work with your advisor to begin building your resume and professional portfolio.

## 2ND YEAR

In your second year, you will take the third course in the GenEd core, CRTW 201. You will continue to work through the GenEd curriculum, complete your basic major requirements, and take your "Frameworks" theory course to prepare for your upper level English courses. You also may choose and begin work on a minor in year two. English Education students should begin preparing for the Praxis and consider Winthrop's fifth-year MAT program.

Continue to cultivate your relationships with your peers and with English faculty and graduate students. Participate in the Literary Society, Creative Writing Club, or NCTE. Consider taking WRIT 500 so that you can be paid to work as a tutor in the Writing Center. Attend the presentations of visiting writers and any literary cultural events. Explore scholarship and award opportunities in the department and college.

Submit to The Anthology, the student literary magazine. Find the Pettus Archive and explore its holdings. Introduce a freshman to Knowledge Park, downtown Rock Hill, or River Walk. Make an appointment with Dr. Chen to begin researching on-campus and off-campus internship opportunities. Study at Dacus Library on campus, and get to know the public library downtown.

Take a short-term study abroad English course. Discuss long-term study abroad opportunities with the International Studies program. Talk with the department chair about applying for the Hurley award, which funds students who design their own educational experience in a foreign country.

Attend career fairs and work with your advisor to plan upper-level coursework that supports your career goals. Apply for internships.

## 3RD OR FINAL YEAR

In year three, you will take many major courses. You may gain focus in your English courses, perhaps using your elective classes to develop an area of concentration (ex. African American literature, professional writing). You also will continue to build your minor. English Education students will apply to the Teacher Education Program (TEP).

Complete an internship to hone your writing skills, make connections, and build your resume. Consider leadership roles in student organizations, and consider joining Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society. Attend the NCTE National Conference. Present your work on campus. Work with faculty to send your work out for possible publication. Tutor in the Writing Center. Become a peer mentor for ACAD, or join organizations related to your minor.

Submit to The Anthology, the student literary magazine, and consider applying to become an editor of the publication. Write for one of the student papers: The Johnsonian or The Roddy McMillian Record. Volunteer with a Rock Hill elementary school as they work to increase student literacy or to collect books for families who do not have access to them.

Take a short-term study abroad English course, spend an entire semester studying abroad, or apply for the Department's Hurley Award (in order to design your own travel experience over winter or summer break).

Update your resume and develop references to support your applications for graduate study or employment. Research and consider applying for Winthrop's 5-year MA in English.

## 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

In your final year, you will take upper level English, English Education, and Writing courses. You also will complete your minor and take ENGL 494, the capstone senior seminar. English Education students will complete their teaching internships in local schools.

Continue or complete an internship. Present your work at the department's annual research conference. Attend, and perhaps present at, a national or regional conference. (Apply for support from the J. Spratt and Sandra Hagler-White travel fund!) Continue to send your creative work out to magazines for possible publication. Tutor in the Writing Center. Submit your best literary research paper to be considered for the William A. Sullivan Writing Award.

Assist with events such as Medieval Studies Week. Work with your creative writing professors to help host a visiting guest writer, or organize a cultural event on campus. Participate in recruitment events for the department and college. Invite a guest(s) from the community to a campus event. Volunteer with the Arts and Medicine Club to encourage public writing in Rock Hill.

Participate in the Study Abroad Fair, sharing your experience from your travel; maintain any network generated by your study abroad; share your experiences on the department's social media platforms; write an article about your international adventures for the department's alumni newsletter.

Complete job and/or grad school application materials in your Capstone course. Polish your resume with the Career Center. Make a final list of targets for graduate study or employment.

## AFTER GRADUATION

**CAREERS OF INTEREST**  
With a degree in English you may consider careers as a:

- Author (of novels, children's books, regular magazine columns, comic books, film scripts)
- Editor
- Owner of Professional Editing Company
- Attorney
- High School Teacher or Principal
- College Professor or University Administrator
- Director/Writer of Company Webpage
- Content
- Grantwriter for Non-Profit Organization
- Technical Writer (manuals, public documents)
- Public Critic and Reviewer (of writing, film, television)
- Podcast Founder and host
- Story and Content Writer, video game industry
- Wedding Ceremony Designer/Writer
- Speechwriter (political or corporate)
- Teaching English Abroad
- Peace Corps
- Pastor, Children's Pastor, Missionary
- Librarian
- Publisher
- Literary Agent

### SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS I MIGHT NEED INCLUDE:

- An interest in crafting clear and interesting pieces of writing
- An interest in reading, and specifically a willingness to engage with writing from different historical periods and by authors of different genders, races, classes, and cultures
- A willingness to think critically, examining the complexity of human experience
- An interest in research, and a willingness to engage in a quest to discover new insights