

East Central College

ENGLISH

Associate of Arts Degree

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THE CAREER

When one thinks about English as a field of study, a few careers and options naturally come to mind, such as teaching, writing, editing or continued study in graduate school. But English is, in fact, a dynamic field that lends itself to many possible careers.

English majors develop critical thinking, communication and analytical skills that can be highly sought after in business, industry, marketing, finance, the non-profit sector and public service. They may work in any number of fields, often those not immediately associated with English.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

More specifically, career options for English degree holders include:

- √ Advertising writer or executive
- ✓ Author
- √ Broadcaster
- √ Communications manager
- √ Editor
- √ Educator
- √ Journalist
- ✓ Project manager
- ✓ Public relations specialist
- ✓ Publisher
- ✓ Speech or technical writer
- √ Web content manager

PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Those pursuing an English career should:

- Have strong verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- · Be creative, inquisitive and analytical.
- Pay close attention to details.
- · Have strong research skills.
- Be able to work both independently and as part of a professional team.

THE PROGRAM

Students completing the coursework in the ECC Associate of Arts in English degree program have a sound foundation for a number of career and transfer options. Assuming appropriate placement scores, it is a two-year degree, with flexibility to customize it toward the student's chosen career.

The program consists of the 43-credit hour general education core plus the necessary electives in literature, language and writing. Student planning to transfer to four-year institutions can take traditional English courses such as American, British, African-American and women's literature and Shakespeare. ECC also provides Latino/Latina literature, science fiction, mythology and autobiography courses.

For those wanting to further develop their writing skills, the program offers curriculum in business, creative, technical and journalistic writing. In addition, the college provides various student activities, organizations and practicum experiences such as the *Cornerstone* student newspaper, Literary Review, writing contests and open-microphone events.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation sent to the registration office)
- ✓ Application for admission
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (please note: some coursework requires minimum placement results)

TRANSFER OPTIONS

Many of the credits, particularly the general education electives earned with this degree, are accepted as transfer credits by four-year colleges and/or universities. Please note that transferring credit is decided by the bachelor degree-granting institution. Students seeking to transfer should communicate often with their faculty advisors and the East Central College transfer advisor. They should also make early contact with the four-year institution of their choice regarding the transferability of ECC credits and coursework.









PROGRAM OF STUDY

This is a program of study for a full-time student. Part-time study is available. Please see your advisor for course options. Course schedule is subject to change. Please review the online college schedule at www.eastcentral.edu for the most current offerings.

AA program (64-65 credit hours)

YEAR 1

FALL SEMESTER

Course		Hours
FS 1000 FS 1001/0	Campus Orientation/ 2 Foundation Seminar	1-2
EN 1223 EN 1233	English Comp I or Honors English Comp I	3
CT 1003 CT 1103	Oral Communications or Public Speaking	3
MT 1403	College Algebra	3
	PE Requirement	1
	Program Elective**	3
	Total Hours	14-15

Spring Semester

Course		Hours
EN 1333 EN 1343	English Comp II or Honors English Comp II	3
CS 1013	Survey of Computers & Information Systems or Information Management Elective	t 3
	Literature Elective	3
	English Elective*	3
	Social Behavioral Science Elective	3
	Total Hours	15

SUMMER SEMESTER

Course		Hours
HI 1000/ PS 1000	Constitutions Study Module	0
	History or Pol. Science Requirement	3
	Total Hours	3

YEAR 2

FALL SEMESTER

Course		Hours
SC 1000	Laboratory Safety for Students	0
BI 1305	General Biology Lecture/Lab	5
PY 1103	General Psychology (HOT, SBS) or Social Behavioral Science Flective	3
MU 1503	World Music	3
	English Elective*	3
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	Total Hours	17

Spring Semester

Course		Hours
ES 1023	Introduction to Environmental Science	3
	Humanities Elective	3
	English Elective*	3
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	Total Hours	15

^{*} Appropriate electives include literature, writing, foreign language, civilization, journalism, art or music courses.



^{**} Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree are traditionally required to have 12 to 15 hours of foreign language coursework. Building a foreign language sequence into a degree plan should be considered after checking with the transfer institution. Students should consult their advisor about suggested electives.