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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.

PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Those pursuing a career in this field 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.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Career options for English degree holders include:

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

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 42-credit hour general education core plus the necessary electives in literature, language and writing. Students 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, film and lecture series, and open-microphone events.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

East Central College requires each transfer student complete a 42 hour general education block. General education at ECC is organized around the institution's common learning objectives and coursework. A student is required to demonstrate skills in each of the following three areas:

- **Communicating:** Improve written and oral communication skills; adapt and apply communication to academic and professional purposes, audiences and contexts; demonstrate the use of technology to analyze and communicate information; and use active listening and reading skills.
- **Creative/Critical Thinking:** Improve the application of relevant knowledge and theory to new ideas, positions or solutions; assess and analyze concepts and data; formulate meaningful questions; and interpret and evaluate evidence and arguments.
- **Ethics and Social Responsibility:** Develop cross cultural awareness and an understanding of global interconnectedness; apply multiple worldviews, analyze ethical choices and consequences; and understand the core values and accountability of citizenship in a democratic society.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation must be sent to the registration office)
- ✓ Application for admission
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (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

AA program 60-62 hours

This program of study is for a full-time student; part-time study is also available. Please contact an academic advisor for full course options. All academic schedules are subject to change. For the most current schedule visit www.eastcentral.edu.

YEAR 1

FALL SEMESTER

| COURSE | HOURS |
|---|-----------|
| FS 1000 Campus Orientation/ FS 1001 Foundation Seminar | 1 |
| EN 1223 English Comp I or EN 1233 Honors English Comp I | 3 |
| COM 1003 Oral Communications or COM 1103 Public Speaking | 3 |
| MT 1403 College Algebra | 3 |
| Ethics and Social Responsibility Elective** | 3 |
| Total Hours | 13 |

SPRING SEMESTER

| COURSE | HOURS |
|---|-----------|
| EN 1333/ EN 1343 English Comp II or Honors English Comp II | 3 |
| EN 2313/ EN 2333 Creative Writing, Creative Writing: Literary Non-Fiction or Communication Elective | 3 |
| English Elective* | 3 |
| English Elective* | 3 |
| Total Hours | 12 |

SUMMER SEMESTER

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|---|----------|
| HI 1000/ PS 1000 Constitutions Study Module | 0 |
| History or Political Science Requirement | 3 |
| Total Hours | 3 |

YEAR 2

FALL SEMESTER

| COURSE | HOURS |
|---|--------------|
| PY 1103 General Psychology or Creative & Critical Thinking Elective | 3 |
| EN 2103/ EN 2113 Survey British Literature- Begin 1784 or Survey British Literature- Romantic to Present | 3 |
| EN 2123/ EN 2303/ EN 2323/ EN1413/ EN 1423 African American Literature, Latino/Latina Literature, Women's Literature, World Literature I or World Literature II | 3 |
| SC 1000 Laboratory Safety for Students | 0 |
| Life Science Requirement*** | 3-5 |
| English Elective* | 3 |
| Total Hours | 15-17 |

SPRING SEMESTER

| COURSE | HOURS |
|---|--------------|
| EN 2203/ EN 2213 American Literature Survey I or American Literature Survey II | 3 |
| Ethics and Social Responsibility Elective** | 3 |
| Physical Science Requirement*** | 3-5 |
| English Elective* | 3 |
| English Elective* | 3 |
| Total Hours | 15-17 |

* 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.

***Either the Life Science or Physical Science requirement must contain a lab