

BA in English, Literature, Rhetoric, and Cultural Studies 4-year Plan

Typically, students in the **BA in English, Literature, Rhetoric and Cultural Studies** should be taking three to five major classes in their first year, mixing core requirements with lower-division electives.

The following plan is SUGGESTED for students who come to Chapman with no transfer credits, so adjust this plan to your particular situation, depending on your choice of minor themed inquiry, second major, or if you are in the honors program.

Year 1: (30 credits)

- **English Core** Take at least 3 of these courses: **ENG 221:** Literature I, **ENG 222:** Literature II, **ENG 223:** Literature III, **ENG 256:** Introduction to Literary Theory and Criticism, or **ENG 270:** Foundations of Rhetorical Studies. (These courses can be taken in any order.)
- **General Education (GE)**
 - Take **FFC** (First-year Focus Course)
 - Take **1 or 2 Global Focus** courses, which includes a **language course** other than English at the 200-level. (You may need to take 100-level courses in that language first)
 - Take **1 or 2 Liberal Arts and Sciences Focus Courses** you have not fulfilled (artistic, natural science, quantitative, social, values and ethics, and written inquiry)
 - Take a **1 or 2 Exploration Focus** courses, which is fulfilled by a second major, a minor, the honors program, or a themed inquiry

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

| YEAR 1 FALL | YEAR 1 SPRING |
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| ENG 256 or 270 | ENG 256 or 270 |
| ENG 221, 222, or 223 | ENG 221, 222, or 223 |
| FFC 100 | Language course 102 |
| Language course 101 | GE course |
| GE Course | GE course |

Year 2: (30 Credits)

- Complete the **English Core** classes you have not taken
- Take 2 or 3 English electives in the **Diversity, Literature Before 1850** or **Literature after 1850** categories. (You can take 300-level literature courses once you have completed ENG 256)

- Take 3 or 4 more courses to fulfil the various **General Education** requirements
- Take 2 or 3 courses in your **Exploration Focus** (second major, minor, honors, themed inquiry). *You must declare this exploration focus before you complete 60 credits, so probably early in your second year.*

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

| YEAR 2 FALL | YEAR 2 SPRING |
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| ENG 221, 222, or 223 | ENG Diversity, Literature Before 1850 or Literature after 1850 |
| ENG Diversity, Literature Before 1850 or Literature after 1850 | ENG Diversity, Literature Before 1850 or Literature after 1850 |
| Language course 201 | GE course |
| GE course | GE course |
| GE course | GE course |

Year 3: (30 Credits)

- Complete as much of the GE as possible in the fall
- Take 2 or 3 **upper-division** (300 or 400) English electives in the **Diversity, Literature Before 1850** or **Literature after 1850** categories.
- Continue to take 2-3 courses in your **Exploration Focus** (second major, minor, honors, themed inquiry)
- **Scholar's Workshop (ENG 398)** must be taken in the spring of your Junior year to begin to prepare for your Thesis project, which you will write in your Senior Year.

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| YEAR 3 FALL | YEAR 3 SPRING |
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| ENG Diversity, Literature Before 1850 or Literature after 1850 | ENG Diversity, Literature Before 1850 or Literature after 1850 (300 or 400-level) |
| ENG Diversity, Literature Before 1850 or Literature after 1850 (300 or 400-level) | ENG 398 Scholars Workshop |
| ENG Additional Elective upper-division course | ENG Additional Elective upper-division course |
| GE course | GE course |
| GE course | GE course |

Year 4: (30 Credits)

- Take **ENG 498A** either semester. (You will have the proposal for the thesis ready after you complete ENG 398 in your junior year.)
- Make sure you will have completed **21 credits of upper-division courses**, at least 6 must be 400-level
- Make sure you will have completed **6 credits in each area**: Elective, Diversity, Before 1850, and After 1850.

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| YEAR 4 FALL | YEAR 4 SPRING |
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| ENG 498A or ENG Additional Elective (400-level if needed) | ENG 498A or ENG Additional Elective (400-level if needed) |
| ENG 400-level if needed – or – second major, minor, honors, etc. | ENG 400-level if needed – or – second major, minor, honors, etc. |
| Second major, minor, honors, etc. | Second major, minor, honors, etc. |
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Important notes:

- **Upper Division:** At least 18 of the 27 elective credits must be at the upper-division level and at least six credits must be at the 400-level.
- **Elective categories:** Although many courses satisfy elective requirements in multiple areas (in the diversity, pre-1850, post-1850 and additional elective categories), **elective courses cannot be double-counted.**
- **Shared Credits:** You may share credits between GE requirements and the BA in English requirements in the following ways:
 1. Up to 9 credits in the English major with GE Liberal Arts and Sciences Focus and Global Focus courses, even if they are not being used in the major.
 2. Up to 6 credits from a minor. Courses in the minor's primary discipline are included in this limit even if they are not being used in the minor.
- **Language:** You must take a **200-level language to receive the GE credit.** There are possible hidden credits here depending on your competency in the language you are studying. You can test into a 201 language course through AP exam scores or a test taken through the Department of World Languages, but more likely you will need to take the three-course sequence: 101, 102, 201. Plan accordingly, and try to take these courses early and in sequential semesters.
- **Study Abroad:** a semester abroad can be an amazing experience, but try to find a program that has courses that will fulfil your requirements.

- **Internships:** internships are particularly important for English majors to help them experience the various opportunities for using their skills of writing, editing, and textual analysis. Internships can be substituted for some of the Diversity electives, depending on the duties and scope of the internship. Remember that some internships will require commuting to cities fairly far from Chapman, like Los Angeles, and can take up quite a bit of time, so make sure that you are considering how that balances with your other coursework.
- **Course load:** remember that the threshold for graduating is 120 credits, regardless of majors and minors. This comes out to an average of 5 classes a semester. If you are double-majoring, or double minoring, you could easily go above 120 credits. Keep this in mind if you have a semester where you only take 4 classes; you'll need to make those credits up somewhere, either in Interterm or by taking 6 classes (18 credits) during a different semester.