SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY
ENGLISH
Versatile and enriching, the English major is a vibrant part of the liberal arts at Siena Heights. The “straight English” major, as it is often called, is also the traditional English major. This is the choice of students who enjoy reading and who may anticipate a career in which a strong literary background—possibly teaching—will be important. The English major at Siena Heights attracts students willing to be challenged by such literary giants as Shakespeare and Chaucer, Austin and Wordsworth, Faulkner and Browning, Dryden and Dickenson, as well as more contemporary voices.

About the Program
Enriching the classroom work is a number of exciting options for English majors. They may wish to write for the school paper (the Spectra) or the literary magazine (Eclipse), or even apply for an internship with the university marketing/communications office. Many English majors tutor in the Writing Lab. Periodically, English forums bring in guest speakers to lecture or read from their work. In addition, English majors who maintain a high GPA are also eligible for membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society.

Annually, the English and Theater departments host a campus-wide birthday party for William Shakespeare, complete with games, prizes, “cakes and ale,” skits and recitations. You can do a dramatic reading of a favorite scene or sonnet, compete in the Bardic Thespian contest, or just sit back and be entertained!

Great literature is the textbook of human behavior, the diary of humanity. It has the power to delight, move, stimulate reflection, inform and broaden you. It opens you to, in Matthew Arnold’s words, “the best that has been thought and said.” It nourishes the mind, the heart and the emotions. Choosing to be an English major is making a matchless choice.

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### English Bachelor of Arts Degree Major

#### Humanities Division

**Core Requirements** ........................................... 12 semester hours
- HUM 201 Heritage of the Humanities ..................3
- HUM 240 Heritage of the Humanities II .............3
- ___ ___ Foreign Language ..............................6-8

**English Requirements** ......................................... 19 semester hours
- #ENG 113 Introduction to Literature ................3
- #ENG 211 Rhetoric ........................................3
- Elect two of the following courses ......................6
  - ENG 251 World Literature I: Greece Through the Middle Ages
  - ENG 252 World Literature II: Enlightenment to the Modern Ages
  - ENG 253 World Literature III: Non-European Literature
  - ENG 260 Approaches to Literary Criticism ..........3
  - ENG 395 Junior Seminar ................................1
  - ENG 495 Senior Tutorial ................................3

**Electives** .......................................................... 15 semester hours
- Elect one of the following courses .................3
  - ENG 213 Introduction to Screenwriting for Video, Film, and Television
  - ENG 240 Introduction to Journalism
  - ENG 340 Creative Writing: Poetry
  - ENG 342 Creative Writing: Fiction
  - ENG 344 Creative Writing: Playwriting

- Elect four, one from each of the following:  
  - ENG 343 Medieval British Literature or
  - ENG 345 17th Century British Literature or
  - ENG 346 18th Century British Literature or
  - ENG 347 19th Century British Literature or
  - ENG 348 Ethnic Literature or
  - ENG 351 African-American Literature or
  - ENG 349 19th Century American Literature or
  - ENG 350 20th Century American Literature or
  - ENG 445 Shakespeare or
  - ENG 485 Special Topics

#### Other Requirements
- Students must maintain a 2.5 grade point average in their major.
- As seniors, students must demonstrate competency in their major through ENG 495.

**Total for Major** .................................................. 46-48 semester hours

**Liberal Arts** ...................................................... 31-37 semester hours

**General Electives** ............................................... 35-43 semester hours

**Total for Degree** .................................................. 120 semester hours

# May be double counted toward major and Liberal Arts Requirements.

**NOTE:** Students seeking secondary teacher certification must also complete the appropriate English methods course ENG 372.
"I plan on going to law school after college, and it (majoring in communications) gave me a broad background on a lot of topics. It will especially help with my reading and writing, which I know will help me going to law school. Communications gave me a good base on writing and communicating with others. ... Being able to communicate ideas is really important no matter what field you go into."

— Hillary Day, English: Communications Major
Part-time Writer, The Adrian Daily Telegram

**English: Communications Bachelor of Arts Degree Major**

**Humanities Division**

**Core Requirements** ......................................................12 semester hours

- HUM 201 Heritage of the Humanities ........................................3
- HUM 240 Heritage of the Humanities II .......................................3
- ___ ___ Foreign Language .........................................................6 -8

**Communication Core Requirements** ........................9 semester hours

- TSC 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication ..................3
- ENG 245 Communications Theory ...............................................3
- ENG 352 History of the Mass Media ...........................................3

**English Requirements** ..................................................19 semester hours

- ENG 211 Rhetoric .................................................................................3
- ENG 240 Introduction to Journalism ...............................................3
- ENG 360 Electronic Literature ..........................................................3
- ENG 395 Junior Seminar ....................................................................1
- ENG ___ Any literature course 300 or above ...................................3
- ENG 435 Visual Culture .......................................................................3
- ENG 495 Senior Tutorial .....................................................................3

**Areas of Interest (choose one area)**

- Art and Digital Design ..........................................................12 semester hours
- Enterprise and Commerce .........................................................12 semester hours
- Religion and Communication .......................................................12 semester hours
- General Communications ..........................................................12-13 semester hours

**Recommended Courses**

Any of the following:

- #HIS 401 Social Sciences in History .................................................3
- #PHI 320 Social Ethics .......................................................................3
- #PSY 340 Social Psychology ............................................................3
- #SOC 113 Cultural Anthropology ........................................................3

**Other Requirements**

- Students must maintain a 2.5 grade point average in their major.

- As seniors, students must demonstrate competency in their major through ENG495.

**Total for Major** ..........................................................52-55 semester hours

**Liberal Arts** ..............................................................31-40 semester hours

**General Electives** ...................................................25-37 semester hours

**Total for Degree** ........................................................120 semester hours

# May be double counted toward major and Liberal Arts Requirements.
Accreditation
Siena Heights University is a Catholic, coeducational university founded in the liberal arts tradition by the Adrian Dominican Congregation in 1919. The main campus in Adrian enrolls about 1,200 students in full-time and part-time study leading to associate’s, bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

Siena Heights University is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and holds membership in the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan, The Council of Independent Colleges, and the Association of Governing Boards.

For more information about the English program at Siena Heights University please call the admissions office at (800) 521-0009, or email us at admissions@sienaheights.edu.

Creative Writing
Siena Heights offers a Bachelor of Arts degree major in Creative Writing as well as a Creative Writing Minor. While the focus is on the writing of poetry, fiction, drama, and screenwriting for film, video and television, the program also seeks to educate writers in other areas of literary studies. Courses in English, American, and World Literature provide the necessary background students need to develop as writers. Also included are courses in Literary Criticism and editing a literary journal. The degree is rounded off by the senior tutorial which requires a creative writing project in the form of poetry, fiction, or drama manuscript.

English: Creative Writing
Bachelor of Arts Degree Major

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English Requirements | 25 semester hours

- ENG 113 Introduction to Literature | 3
- ENG 211 Rhetoric | 3
- ENG 260 Approaches to Literary Criticism | 3
- ENG 320 Editing a Literary Journal: Eclipse | 2
- ENG 321 Publishing a Literary Magazine: Eclipse | 1
- ENG 340 Creative Writing: Poetry | 3
- ENG 342 Creative Writing: Fiction | 3
- ENG 344 Creative Writing: Playwriting | 3
- ENG 213 Introduction to Screenwriting for Video, Film and Television | 3
- ENG 395 Junior Seminar | 1
- ENG 495 Senior Tutorial | 3

Electives | 12 semester hours

Elect two of the following courses:
- ENG 227 Great Dramas | 3
- ENG 251 World Literature I: Greece Through the Middle Ages | 3
- ENG 252 World Literature II: Enlightenment to the Modern Age | 3
- ENG 253 World Literature III: Non-European Literature | 3
- ENG 343 Medieval British Literature | 3
- ENG 345 17th Century British Literature | 3
- ENG 346 18th Century British Literature | 3
- ENG 347 19th Century British Literature | 3
- ENG 349 19th Century American Literature | 3
- ENG 350 20th Century American Literature | 3
- ENG 351 African American Literature | 3
- ENG 445 Shakespeare | 3
- ENG 485 Special Topics | 3

Other Requirements
- Students must maintain a 2.5 grade point average in their major.
- As seniors, students must demonstrate competency in their major through ENG 495.

Total for Major | 49-51 semester hours
Total for Liberal Arts | 31-37 semester hours
Total for General Electives | 32-40 semester hours
Total for Degree | 120 semester hours

# May be double counted toward major and Liberal Arts.