Bachelor of Art in English

Howard University

College of Arts & Sciences

Catalog: Fall 2023 – Present

Quick Summary - What You Need to Graduate

Total Credits	Minimum GPA	English Credits	Last 30 Credits
120	2.0	36	At Howard

Your Degree Breakdown:

- Major Requirements: 36 English credits (12 courses)
- General Education: 60+ credits (approximately 24 courses)
- Math Requirements: MATH 005 or higher (3-4 credits)
- Free Electives: to reach 120 (General Electives)
- Complete all 7 ELOs (can overlap with courses)
- Experiential Learning Course & Innovative Learning Requirement
- Quantitative Reasoning Course
- Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam

Creative Writing Concentration: Students may complete ENGL 298 - Creative Writing Thesis

Important: Double-Dipping Made Simple!

One course can fulfill BOTH a General Education requirement AND an Essential Learning Outcome (ELO) at the same time. You don't need separate courses for each! This helps you graduate efficiently without taking extra classes.

Major credits **cannot** be double dipped with minor credits. Minors require **15-18 credits that are not applied to their major requirements**. Minor coursework must remain distinct and separate from major coursework.

University-Wide Requirements

- **Minimum GPA:** 2.0 for all undergraduate coursework
- **Residency:** Complete last 30 credits at Howard University
- **Exit Requirement:** Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam
- **Total Credits:** 120 credits required

General Education Requirements (30 Credits / ~15 Courses)

Essential Learning Outcomes (ELOs)

Students must complete courses covering all seven outcome areas. Remember, these can overlap with other requirements!

- **ELO 1:** U.S. and Global African Diasporic Developments
- **ELO 2:** Human Cultures and Creative Expression
- **ELO 3:** The Physical and Natural World
- **ELO 4:** Intellectual and Practical Skills
- **ELO 5:** Social Responsibility and Political Institutions
- **ELO 6:** Leadership and Applied Learning
- **ELO 7:** Comprehensive Wellness Practices
- **Note:** ELO courses are tagged in Bison Hub under the course description

Freshman Experience (1 Credit / 1 Course)

- **FRSM 001 -** Freshman Seminar (1 credit)

Core Writing & Communication (9 Credits / 3 Courses)

- **ENGW 101, 102, or 104 -** First-Year English Writing I (3 credits)
- **ENGW 103 or 105 -** First-Year English Writing II (3 credits)
- **Principles of Speech (AS) -** (3 credits)

Health & Wellness (2 Credits / 1 Courses)

- HHPL Activity/Health (2 credits)

Cultural and Global Awareness (12 Credits / 4 Courses)

- **African American Cluster Course -** 1 course (3 credits)
- **Foreign Language -** 3 courses (9 credits total, same language)
    - 3 credits can be an intercultural knowledge

Humanities & Social Sciences (12 Credits / 4 Courses)

- **Two Humanities Courses -** 2 courses (3 credits each)
- **Two Social Science Courses -** 2 courses (3 credits each)

Mathematics Requirements (3-4 Credits / 1 Course)

- **MATH 005 or higher** - (3-4 credits)

Natural Sciences (3-4 Credits / 1 Course)

- **Natural Science Course** - (3-4 credits)

• COAS Special Requirements

Experiential Learning (1 course required)

Examples of COAS Experiential Learning Course but are not limited to:

- ENGL 390
- Any 890 course
- Study abroad

Innovative Learning Requirement (1 course required)

Complete at least one course marked as 'innovative'

Quantitative Reasoning (1 course required)

Complete at least one course marked as 'quantitative'

Note: COAS Special Requirements courses are tagged in Bison Hub under the course description

Free Electives (21-27 Credits/ 7-9 Courses)

English Major Requirements (36 Credits)

Sophomore Seminars (6 credits / 2 Courses)

Required for all English majors

- **ENGL 104** - Sophomore Seminar I (3 credits)
- **ENGL 105** - Sophomore Seminar II (3 credits)

Foundation Courses (12 credits / 4 Courses)

- **ENGL 110** - Linguistic Foundations (3 credits)
- **ENGL 111** - African American Foundations (3 credits)
- **ENGL 112** - American Literature Foundations (3 credits)
- **ENGL 113** - British Foundations (3 credits)

Advance Coursework (6 credits / 2 Courses)

- **Featured Author Course** - (3 credits)
- **Genre, Period, Cross-Cultural Course** - (3 credits)

English Major Electives (12 credits / 4 Courses)

Choose courses from approved English electives. ***Creative Writing Concentration must take all Creative Writing electives.***

- **ENGL Major Elective** - (3 credits)
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Sample Degree Progress Checklist

Always consult with your academic advisor for personalized guidance

First Year: Fall Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ FRSM 001 - Freshman Seminar (1 credit)
- ☐ ENGW 101/102/104 - First Year Writing I (3 credits)
- ☐ Humanities Course (3 credits)

- ☐ Social Science Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Foreign Language I (3 credits)
- ☐ HHPL Health Course (1 credit)

First Year: Spring Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ ENGW 103/105 - First Year Writing II (3 credits)
- ☐ African American Cluster Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Foreign Language II (3 credits)
- ☐ Humanities Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Social Science Course (3 credits)

Second Year: Fall Semester (15-16 credits)

- ☐ ENGL 104 - Sophomore Seminar I (3 credits)
- ☐ ENGL 110 - Linguistic Foundations (3 credits)
- ☐ Foreign Language III (3 credits)
- ☐ MATH 005 or higher (3-4 credits)
- ☐ Natural Science Course (3-4 credits)

Second Year: Spring Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ ENGL 105 - Sophomore Seminar II (3 credits)
- ☐ ENGL 111 - African American Foundations (3 credits)
- ☐ Natural Science Course (3-4 credits)
- ☐ Free Elective Course (3 credits)
- ☐ HHPL Activity Course (1 credit)
- ☐ Quantitative Reasoning Course (3 credits)

Third Year: Fall Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ ENGL 112 - American Literature Foundations (3 credits)
- ☐ ENGL 113 - British Foundations (3 credits)
- ☐ Communication - Principles of Speech (3 credits)
- ☐ Free Elective Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Free Elective Course (3 credits)

Third Year: Spring Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ Featured Author Course (3 credits)
- ☐ ENGL Major Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ Free Elective Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Free Elective Course (3 credits)
- ☐ Experiential Learning Course (3 credits)

Fourth Year: Fall Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ Genre, Period, Cross-Cultural Course (3 credits)
- ☐ ENGL Major Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ ENGL Major Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ General Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ Innovative Learning Course (3 credits)

Fourth Year: Spring Semester (15 credits)

- ☐ ENGL Major Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ Free Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ Free Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ General Elective (3 credits)
- ☐ Complete Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam
- ☐ Apply for graduation

Key Requirements

- **Minimum Major GPA:** 2.0
- **Credits in English:** 36 minimum
- **Foreign Language:** 9 credits in the same language required
- **Mathematics:** MATH 005 or higher required
- **Residency:** Last 30 credits at Howard University
- **General Education:** Must span at least 4 different disciplines

Important Notes

- **Sophomore Seminars:** ENGL 104 and ENGL 105 should be taken in the second year.
- **Foundation Courses:** Complete all four foundations (Linguistic, African American, American, British).
- **Creative Writing:** Must complete 4 creative writing electives. Students interested may complete ENGL 298 - Creative Writing Thesis.
- **Foreign Language:** All 9 credits must be in the same language.
- **Minimum Minor GPA:** 2.0 **if declared** (15 credits minimum)
- **Graduate Preparation:** Consider research opportunities and advanced coursework.
- Consult with your academic advisor each semester for course planning.

Resources

- **Academic Advisor:** Contact Office of Undergraduate Studies for assignment
- **Department Office:** English Department, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Research Opportunities:** Speak with faculty about research positions and independent study
- **Experiential Learning:** Connect with the Career Center and department for internship opportunities
- **Graduate School Advising:** Meet with faculty advisors if considering graduate programs