UMBC ENGLISH DEPARTMENT - MINOR PROGRAMS

Students completing one minor may not apply the same elective courses to satisfy requirements for another minor. However, required courses in one minor may be listed as electives in another minor program.   This provision allows students to complete more than one minor program without having to take 36 total hours of classes.   Students should consult with their English Department advisors to identify the minor program(s) best suited to suite to their interests and needs.   Students may only take one writing minor.   With the advisor's permission, up to six credits from any English minor may be counted as part of the English major.

COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY MINOR   (EFFECTIVE SPRING 2013)
(minor code: COMM)

The English Department offers a minor in Communication and Technology for students who wish to explore the theory and practice of communication and new media studies.   It requires 18 credits to complete.   All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.   No course at the 100 level may be counted for minor credit.

Core courses (6 credits):
> ENGL 300 - Communication and Technology: Analysis of Texts and Contexts
> ENGL 324 – Theories of Communication and Technology

Elective courses (12 credits):   Students must select at least one course from List A and at least one course from List B.   The remaining electives may be chosen from either list.   In addition, the core course that the student did not select may be taken as an elective.

List A:
> ENGL 320 – Topics in Communication and Technology
> ENGL 330 – Researching Communicative Practices
> ENGL 342 – Principles and Practices of Visual Literacy
> ENGL 343 - Introduction to Genre Analysis
> ENGL 353 – Rhetorical Theory
> ENGL 355 – Communicative Practices and Play Theory
> ENGL 383 – Science Writing
> ENGL 385 – New Media and Digital Literacies
> ENGL 386 – Adult Literacy Tutoring: Issues and Methods
> ENGL 407 – Language in Society
> ENGL 442 – Seminar in Visual Literacy
> ENGL 447 – Online Voice and Community
> ENGL 449 – Seminar in Genre Analysis
> ENGL 483 – Seminar in Writing in the Sciences
> ENGL 486 – Seminar in Teaching Composition: Theory and Practice
> ENGL 493 – Seminar in Communication an Technology

List B:
> ENGL 303 – Art of the Essay
> ENGL 379 – Principles and Practices in Technical Writing
> ENGL 380 – Introduction to News Writing
> ENGL 382 – Feature Writing
> ENGL 387 – Web Design and Multimedia
> ENGL 391 -   Advanced Exposition and Argumentation
> ENGL 392 – Tutorial in Writing
> ENGL 394 -   Technical Editing
> ENGL 403 – Advanced Art of the Essay

LITERATURE MINOR
(minor code: LITR)

The English Department offers a minor in Literature, requiring 18 credit hours for completion.   The Literature Minor is intended for students who wish to augment their knowledge of English and American literature while also refining their skills in close reading and critical interpretation of literary texts. The Literature Minor requirements are listed below.   All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.   No course at the 100 level may be counted for minor credit.

Required Core Courses: Students must complete six credits of ENGL 250-Introduction to Shakespeare and ENGL 301-Analysis of Literary Language.

Elective Requirement: Students must complete 12 additional credits of English courses with six of those credits at the 300- or 400-level.   At least three of these elective courses must be in literature.   With the approval of the minor advisor, one literature course from a department other than English may be counted for minor credit.

WRITING MINOR
(minor code: WRTG)

The minor in writing at UMBC is open to, and appropriate for, students majoring in any field. The credential earned by completing the minor will document th student's pursuit of writing skills for admissions committees and prospective employers. Both the basic minor and the extended minor share a common four-course core:

- ENGL 100, Composition
- ENGL 291, Introduction to Writing Creative Essays
- ENGL 391, Advanced Exposition and Argumentation
- ENGL 392, Tutorial in Writing

To complete the basic minor, students must elect any two courses (6 credits) from the writing courses listed below. To complete the extended writing minor, students must elect four courses (12 credits) from within one area below or from approved electives, including ENGL 400, Special Projects.   All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.

Note: No more than two writing minor courses may be taken per semester.   Ideally, these courses should be taken in order and at the rate of one per semester. A C average is necessary in all courses applied to the writing minor. Students may begin the minor at any time. With the advisor's permission up to six credits from the writing minor may be counted as part of the English major.

Writing Minor Categories:

Rhetoric & Communication:
ENGL 226-English Grammar and Usage
ENGL 324-Literature of Technology
ENGL 326-The Structure of English
ENGL 386-Adult Literacy Tutoring: Issues and Methods
ENGL 395-Writing Internship (Tutoring)
ENGL 407-Language in Society
ENGL 485-The Teaching of Writing
ENGL 488-Seminar in Computer-Assisted Writing Instruction
ENGL 490-Advanced Topics in the English Language
ENGL 491-Seminar in Topics in the English Language
ENGL 493-Seminar in Communication & Technology
ENGL 493H-Seminar in Communication & Technology: Honors
ENGL 495-Internship (Rhetoric & Composition Theory)*

Professional Writing:
ENGL 226-English Grammar and Usage

ENGL 326-The Structure of English
ENGL 379-Principles & Practices in Technical Communication
ENGL 387-Web Content Development
ENGL 393-Technical Communication
ENGL 393H-Technical Communication: Honors
ENGL 394-Technical Editing
ENGL 400-Special Projects in English
ENGL 407-Language in Society
ENGL 490-Advanced Topics in the English Language
ENGL 495-Internship (Professional Writing)*

Journalism:
ENGL 380-Introduction to News Writing
ENGL 382-Feature Writing
ENGL 383-Science Writing
ENGL 398-Journalism Internship
ENGL 480-Seminar in Advanced Journalism
ENGL 495-Internship (Journalism)*

Creative Writing:
Courses in creative writing must be taken in the proper sequence unless permission of the instructor is given.

ENGL 271-Introduction to Creative Writing: Fiction
ENGL 272-Introduction to Creative Writing: Script Writing
ENGL 273-Introduction to Creative Writing: Poetry
ENGL 371-Creative Writing: Fiction
THTR 371-Writing for the Theater
ENGL 373-Creative Writing: Poetry
ENGL 375-Masterworks for Creative Writers
ENGL 397-Tutorial in Creative Writing
ENGL 403-Advanced Creative Writing: Non-Fiction
ENGL 471-Advanced Creative Writing: Fiction
ENGL 473-Advanced Creative Writing:Poetry
ENGL 475-Special Studies in Creative Writing
ENGL 495-Internship (Creative Writing)*

*Can only be taken once for the Basic Minor and twice for the Extended Minor.