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 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 and 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 the 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 325-The Structure of English
- ENGL 380-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)*

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)*

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)*

Creative Writing:
- 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.