

## English

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## Major

The English degree involves the completion of three specific components—the General Education Core required of all VCSU graduates, a mix of required and elective courses in the major that prepare students in one of four specific concentrations (Professional Writing, Literary Studies, Technical Writing, or General English), and a minor of the student's choosing.

Students work closely with advisors to determine which concentration would best fit future plans, which electives might suit them best term by term, and which minor to pursue. In short, the program is designed to specifically help students find the right mix of courses for both their present desires and future needs, all with the help of advisors who thoroughly know the program.

Since English majors are sought after more for their ability to write well and to read and think critically and more broadly than majors with more narrowly defined skill sets, the English degree can be used for a variety of occupations involving writing, editing, and/or critical thinking, including journalism, publishing, legal work, advertising, marketing, management, technical writing, or any occupation involved with producing written work. English is also an excellent preparatory degree for graduate studies in law, literature or composition studies, physical therapy, and even medical school.

### GET INVOLVED IN YOUR MAJOR

**English Club** — A lively group of majors, minors, and aficionados, E-Club brings literary experiences to campus and/or hits the road to find them.

**Sigma Tau Delta** — Our local chapter of the International Honor Society for English majors and minors provides another avenue for seeking scholarships, a venue for publishing scholarship, and a vehicle for recognizing academic achievement.

**The Forge** — The campus literary and arts journal, hosted by our department and staffed by students taking the Literary Publications class, publishes and offers awards for original student work on an annual basis.

## Minors

English - Completion qualifies graduates to teach secondary school English or work in fields which require writing and analysis skills.

Technical Writing - Helps prepare graduates for work in fields such as web writing and corporate communications.

Garret Fettig, Bismarck, ND – 2023 graduate in English. *“The English department here at VCSU is intimate—a focused family—and I think that will allow me to better concentrate on improving my writing and preparing myself for a post-graduate career.”*

Kaitlyn Myrum, Petersburg, ND – 2022 graduate in English Education with a Spanish minor. *“VCSU is an opportunity to express who I am without*

*having to feel ashamed. Every day brings a new love for education and my future career.”*

## Plan of Study

### First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 110 (Gen Ed)	3	ENGL 120 (Gen Ed)	3
Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4	Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4
MATH 104 (Gen Ed)	3	Literacies (Gen Ed)	3
Speech Communication (Gen Ed)	3	Social Science (Gen Ed)	3
Technology (Gen Ed)	3	Wellness (Gen Ed)	2
	<b>16</b>		<b>15</b>

### Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Art and Music (Gen Ed)	3	Additional Humanities or Social Science (Gen Ed)	2
Literature Elective	3	BA or BS Block Elective	3
Minor Elective	3	Concentration Elective	3
Social Science (Gen Ed)	3	ENGL 310	3
Writing Elective	3	Literature Elective	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>14</b>

### Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BA or BS Block Elective	3	BA or BS Block Elective	3
Concentration Elective	3	BA or BS Block Elective	3
ENGL 371	3	Concentration Elective	3
Minor Elective	3	Literature Elective	3
Writing Elective	3	Minor Elective	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>

### Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BA or BS Block Elective	3	BA or BS Block Elective	3
Concentration Elective	3	Concentration Elective	3
ENGL 480	3	ENGL 213	1
Minor Elective	3	ENGL 491	2
Minor Elective	3	Minor Elective	3
		Minor Elective	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>

### Total Credits 120

Please note: This plan is intended for general information only. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor each semester before registration.