



English

About this 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 prepares students in one of four specific cognates (Professional Writing, Literature Studies, Technical Writing, or General English), and a minor of the student’s choosing.

Students work closely with advisors to determine which cognate would best fit future plans, which electives might suit them best term by term, and which minor to pursue. In short, the English 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.

Meet an English Student



“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.” Garret Fettig, Bismarck, ND – 2023 graduate in English.

“My favorite thing about VCSU was the family-like culture and community. I loved that here. I was a name, not just a face. The relationships I built at VCSU were incomparable.” Hannah Anderson, Milnor, ND – 2021 graduate in English.

Career Opportunities



available jobs require no more than a bachelor's degree

\$48,000
median salary with an English degree

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.

Specific career opportunities with an English degree can include:

- Author
- Editor
- Publisher
- Reporter
- Journalist
- Technical Writer or Editor
- Copywriter
- Proofreader
- Professor
- Lawyer
- Social Media curator



Get Involved in your Major



English Club — A lively group of majors, minors, and aficionados, English 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 course ENGL 213 Literary Publications, publishes and offers awards for original student work on an annual basis.

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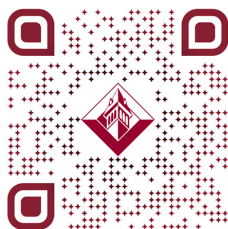
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English
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Plan of Study

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
Computer Science and Literacy (Gen Ed)	3	Wellness (Gen Ed)	2
16		15	

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
15		14	

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
Minor Elective	3	Concentration Elective	3
Writing Elective	3	Minor Elective	3
ENGL 371	3	Literature Elective	3
15		15	

Fourth Year

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

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.



Learning Outcomes

Our graduates will:

1. Possess strong academic and creative writing skills;
2. Exhibit vital critical reading and thinking skills;
3. Routinely apply competent research skills; and
4. Understand the value of cultural fluency.