understand the many varieties, settings, and uses of English language and writing (EngL and EngC), and develop their own talents as creative writers (EngW). Some students elect to include English studies in their interdisciplinary programs.

Preparatory Coursework
Prospective majors are encouraged to complete an introductory course in literature, creative writing, and/or English language before officially declaring the major. Suggestions include EngL 1001-1701, and EngW 1101-1104. To declare a major, a student schedules an appointment with the Undergraduate Studies Office (225 Lind Hall; 612-625-4592; englmaj@tc.umn.edu) to prepare a Major Program which is filed in CLA, the department, and with the student.

Degree Requirements
Students must complete at least 120 credits to graduate, including at least 35 credits in the major (32 credits from 3xxx or higher courses). Credits are distributed among textual interpretation, historical surveys of literature, Shakespeare, English language or theory, elective courses, a seminar or writing workshop, and a senior paper. All English major courses must be taken A-F and completed with grades of C- or better.

Required Courses
Students take 10 courses (35 cr minimum) in EngL, EngW, or EngC (beyond the freshman writing requirements), including at least nine 3xxx courses, distributed as follows:

Foundation Courses
- EngL 3001—Textual Interpretation, Analysis, and Investigation
- Three of the following British and American literature survey courses: EngL 3003, 3004, 3005, 3006
- EngL 3007—Shakespeare or 3xxx full-term Shakespeare in London course (department approved)
- One of the following literary theory or English language courses:
  EngL 3002, 3601, 3602, 3603, 3605, 3606, 3611, 3612, 3613, 3621, 3632, 3633, 3641, 3650 (topics in rhetoric/writing/language)

Electives
Three courses (minimum 9 cr), to include at least two 3xxx courses (6 cr) and one 1xxx or 3xxx course (3-4 cr).
Senior Seminar or Writing Workshop & Senior Project

Each student produces a senior paper in EngL or EngW 3960W(4 cr), subject to department guidelines and faculty written approval. Honors summa cum laude degree candidates must also register for EngL 3883—Honors Thesis (3 cr).

Minor Requirements

Students take EngL 3001—Textual Interpretation, EngL 3007—Shakespeare, two historical survey courses, and one 3xxx elective for a minimum of 18 credits.

What can I do with a major in English?

Skills

English majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Verbal, written, and visual communication skills
- Ability to research, read, and synthesize information efficiently
- Analytical and critical thinking skills
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Creative writing skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Arts and Entertainment—announcing, creative writing, managing, development
- Media—journalistic writing, editing, web composition/design, management
- Education—teaching, research, admissions, advising, student affairs
- Government—public information, campaigns, research
- Business—technical writing, administration, marketing, human resources, sales, consulting, recruiting
- Public Relations and Advertising—copy writing, corporate public affairs, lobbying
- Nonprofit—fundraising, grant writing, programming, management

The department has a career program, with alumnae/i speakers, one or two times per year. Contact the Undergraduate Office for current information. See also “Career Connections” at http://English.cla.umn.edu/undergradprogram/CareerAdvising/career.htm.

Graduates in English find satisfying careers in the fields listed above, among many other opportunities often focused on the art of communication. Internships give students opportunities to explore many of these careers and gain invaluable experience for future jobs. See http://English.cla.umn.edu/undergradprogram/contests.html for additional information about and links to career resources, service-learning opportunities, awards for English majors, department faculty, graduate and professional studies, academic advising and much more.

How do I declare an English major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.

2. When you have decided upon an English major, meet with the appropriate person from the department to complete a Major Program form.

3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.

4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community to learn more about your new major’s declaration process.

For more information

About the English major:

Undergraduate Advising
225 Lind Hall
(612) 625-4592
http://english.cla.umn.edu/

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Society & Culture Student Community
122 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-2549
http://sandc.cla.umn.edu
sac@class.cla.umn.edu

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
http://www.mlk.umn.edu/mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

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student services
About graduation with honors:
Students interested in graduating with honors should contact:
CLA Honors Division
115 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

• completed a Major Program Form with your major adviser
• filed a copy with the major department
• filed a copy with your CLA student community
• be sure to keep a copy for yourself