

Guide to Liberal Learning Domains for English Majors

Liberal Learning divides knowledge into 6 domains under 3 major headings:

Humanities		Social Sciences		Natural Sciences	
Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts [LVPA]	World Views and Ways of Knowing [WVWK]	Behavioral, Social, Cultural Perspectives [BSCP]	Social Change in Historical Perspective [SCHP]	Natural Science with a laboratory component [NS-Lab]	Quantitative Reasoning [QR]
LIT prefix	philosophy, religion, some odd choices	psychology, sociology, anthropology	history	biology, astronomy, physics	math, statistics

All TCNJ students (minus students whose first major is in the School of Education) will take 1 course in each domain and then take 2 additional courses in 2 of the 3 major headings. First majors in the School of Education instead must take 2 LVP classes and no WVWK class.

Nearly every English major elects to take 1 extra Humanities and 1 extra Social Science. The extra Humanities can simply be another LIT class. The extra Social Science can be either BSCP or SCHP.

Many LL classes can be transferred in as AP scores. In non-pandemic conditions, online courses cannot satisfy NS-Lab nor can they satisfy QR. A course worth 0.75 units at TCNJ and 3 credits at another college or university can be transferred in to meet any one of the LL requirements.

Students with any certification in **Early Childhood or Elementary Education** (this includes all special education or urban education students) must take American History, and this satisfies their SCHP. These students must also take a VPA (Visual or Performing Arts) to be certified. The VPA requirement can be met inside the English major with any one of a number of drama or film courses offered regularly. These students also will meet 2 BSCP requirements and NS-Lab and QR inside their Early Childhood or Elementary majors.

Students with any certification inside **English Secondary Education** (this includes all special education or urban education students) will take 2 courses inside their Secondary Education program that meet BSCP. English Secondary Education students can meet all of their LL requirements inside their dual majors except for 1 WVWK, 1 SCHP, 1 NS-Lab, and 1 QR. In addition, LNG 202 meets SCHP and WLC 215 meets WVWK, and either satisfies the linguistics requirement inside English Secondary Education.

For all TCNJ English major students, this sheet describes the 8 Liberal Learning courses needed to meet the 6 domains.

Many English majors also have a **World Languages** requirement. Students who already speak a second language, whether or not that language is taught at The College of New Jersey, should consult the World Languages department about waiving their world languages requirement.

World Languages 101, 102, 103	World Languages 151, 152
American Sign Language French German Italian Spanish	Arabic (not offered in 20-21) Chinese Japanese Russian (not offered in 20-21)

Students with a World Languages requirement must take a world language to either the 103 or 152 level. 101, 102, and 103 are normally taken in three consecutive semesters. 151 and 152 are each 2 unit (8 credit) classes taken in two consecutive semesters.

Students must take a placement test before they enroll in any language courses at TCNJ. Students cannot transfer in the final class used to meet their world language requirement.

English Majors with a World Language requirement	English Majors without a World Language requirement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Liberal Arts • English Secondary Education • English Urban Secondary Education • Early Childhood Urban Education • Elementary Urban Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any English major who has transferred in to TCNJ with an Associate’s Degree from a NJ college. • Early Childhood Education • Early Childhood Deaf Education • Early Childhood Special Education • Elementary Education • Elementary Deaf Education • Elementary Special Education • Secondary Special Education

Many TCNJ students must take a course that meets each of the three civic responsibilities:

Gender	Global	Race & Ethnicity
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Every English major working towards a teaching certificate will meet Race & Ethnicity inside the Education part of their degree. All three civic responsibilities can be met inside the English major itself or inside a LL requirement such as SCHP or WVKW. English majors arriving at TCNJ with an Associate’s degree from a NJ college need not meet these civic responsibilities.

Students are urged to consult their advisors or the Associate Chair of English with any questions about Liberal Learning.