

### 4-Year English Liberal Arts Majors

This sample plan is constructed to guide students as they complete their BA in English Liberal Arts.. Please note that this plan assumes the following: that the student brings in no transfer credit, no dual credit classes taken in HS, no AP class credit, and does not place out of either FYW (First Year Writing) or their second language requirement. Transfer credit or changed placement in writing or language will increase the flexibility of this plan. Courses are numbered to help track the number of units (32) required for the BA.

**Table One: All courses required to complete the BA (32 units)**

Major	The College Core Multidisciplinary Perspectives	The College Core Intellectual and Scholarly Growth & Civic Responsibilities	Additional Courses (Electives, Second Major, or Minor)
<p>[0] LIT 099 zero credit orientation course                      [1] LIT 101, Cultures and Canons                      [2] LIT 102, Approaches to Literature                      [3] Literary History 1 (before 1660)<sup>1</sup>                      [4] Literary History 2                      [5] Literary History 3                      [6] English option                      [7] English option                      [8] English option                      [9] English option                      [10] first LIT 499                      [11] second LIT 499 or equivalent</p> <p>5 of these courses must be taken at the 300 or 400 level (in other words, 3 courses besides the LIT 499s need to be at 300 or 400 level)</p> <p>1 of these LH or “options” courses must be in American Literature                      1 of these courses must be in British Literature</p>	<p>[12] Belief Systems (religion or philosophy)                      [13] Behavioral, Social, or Cultural Perspectives (social sciences)                      [14] Historical Perspective                      [15] Quantitative Reasoning (math, statistics, or computation reasoning)                      [16] Natural Sciences (with a lab component)                      [17] An additional course from one of these areas or a non-lab science.</p> <p>Note that two of your English courses will be counted toward your "Literary, Visual or Performing Arts" category automatically. LNG 202 meets <b>Historical Perspectives</b>. Many English courses also meet the <b>Social Justice</b> requirements enumerated in the next column.</p>	<p>Writing                      [18] FYW, First Year Writing                      [19] FYS, First Year Seminar                      Second Language                      [20] World Language 101                      [21] World Language 102                      [22] World Language 103</p> <p>Information literacy                      IDS 102 – Zero credit course completed in the first year</p> <p>Community Engaged Learning                      FYC 100 – Zero credit course completed in the first year</p> <p>Students must take <b>one course each</b> in some part of their curriculum that fulfills the <b>Social Justice</b> requirements:  <b>Gender &amp; Sexuality Studies</b>  <b>Global Perspectives</b>  <b>Race &amp; Ethnicity</b></p>	<p>[23]                      [24]                      [25]                      [26]                      [27]                      [28]                      [29]                      [30]                      [31]                      [32]</p> <p>Students with a second major may reduce the number of their College Core courses by one and may count up to three courses across two majors.</p> <p>Students may count one course in both a major and a minor or certificate.</p> <p>Students have enough opportunities to have a second major, two minors, or an interdisciplinary concentration and three electives.</p>

<sup>1</sup> In PAWS, the literary history courses show up under “English options.” The national requirements are “distributional” requirements and overlay on top of the 7 options. In other words, a course may count for both British and pre-1660.

**Table Two: Sample Advising Plan<sup>1</sup>**

<b>First Year Fall</b>	<b>First Year Spring</b>
[0] LIT 099 zero credit advising class [0] FYC 100 – you will be registered for this in your first year [1] FYW [2] College Core [3] World Language 101 [4] LIT 101 Cultures and Canons	[5] FYS [6] College Core course [7] World Language 102 [8] LIT 102 Approaches to Literature
<b>Second Year Fall</b>	<b>Second Year Spring</b>
[9] Literary History (students must take three in their curriculum; one must be pre-1660) [10] English elective [11] World Language 103 [12] Out of major elective	[13] College Core [14] College Core [15] Literary History [16] College Core [16.5] LIT 199, Career Planning for English Majors (recommended) <sup>2</sup>
<b>Third Year Fall</b>	<b>Third Year Spring</b>
[17] College Core [18] English elective [19] Out of major elective [20] Out of major elective	[21] English elective or LIT 499 <sup>3</sup> [22] Out of major elective <sup>5</sup> [23] Literary History or College Core [24] Out of major elective
<b>Fourth Year Fall</b>	<b>Fourth Year Spring</b>
[25] Out of major elective [26] LIT 499 Seminar in Research and Theory [27] English elective [28] College Core	[29] Out of major elective [30] Out of major elective [31] Out of major elective [32] LIT 499 Seminar in Research and Theory or English elective

1 This plan only includes fall and spring semesters. Students may take courses in the winter and summer terms as well. Students may take only one course over the winter term at TCNJ. Students are limited to four courses per summer and may take only two courses in any single summer session. The English department recommends that students take only one summer course per session.

2 Students in the Liberal Arts track in English are encouraged to take LIT 199, Career Planning for English Majors, which is a .5 unit course graded pass/fail.

4 One section of LIT 499 is offered each summer over 8 weeks. Students may not take another course at the same time.

5 Students may count internships toward free electives.

This advising plan includes all courses required for the BA. Students must complete at least 32 units. Students must take 11 courses to complete their English major. The remaining courses are a combination of requirements for The College Core, a possible second major, a minor, or free electives.

**College Core** —Intellectual & Scholarly Growth (proficiencies)

Students must demonstrate proficiency in writing by completing a First Year Seminar and fulfilling the First Year Writing through placement or course completion. Students must demonstrate proficiency in a second language to the 103 level of most languages or the second course of classes taught intensively. Two zero credit courses are required: IDS 102, Information Literacy, and FYC 100, FY Community Engaged Learning, in their first year. Their placement in FYC will be determined by their housing assignment or their FYS.

**College Core – Multidisciplinary Perspectives**— **students with an ENGA major** need six courses in addition to the ENGA major across broad areas of inquiry (Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences and History, Natural Science and Quantitative Reasoning) that break down into the following domains. All of your "Literary, Visual and Performing Arts" requirements are satisfied by the major.

1. Belief Systems (philosophy, religion, etc.) BfS
2. Behavioral, Social, or Cultural Perspectives (social sciences) BSCP
3. Historical Perspectives (history) HP
4. Quantitative Reasoning (math, statistics, or computational reasoning) QR
5. Natural Sciences (must include a lab) NS-Lab
6. Any one 6th course chosen from Category 2, 3, 4, or 5 above, or a non-lab science class, such as ANT 111, Introduction to Biological Anthropology.

**College Core** — **students with an ENGA major and a Second Major** need five courses in addition to the ENGA major. If their second major falls into Category 2, 3, 4, or 5, they need only the other categories.

**Social Justice** — students must also take courses that fulfill "civic responsibilities requirements" — **Gender & Sexuality Studies, Global Perspectives, and Race & Ethnicity** somewhere in their curriculum —their major, minor, 2<sup>nd</sup> major, or College Core courses. Many English courses inside fulfill these requirements.

**English electives** automatically include any one unit class with a LIT, CWR, or LNG prefix. Students may petition for classes in other programs to be English electives, but only one English elective can be taken outside of the three English major prefixes. At least **five English major classes must be taken at the 300 level or higher**. At least one American literature class and at least one British literature class must be selected among the literary history or English elective offerings. Many English classes can be taken out of order, but LIT 102 is a prerequisite for LIT 499. Students may only take one LIT 499 course in any term.

**Study Abroad Opportunities** — Students completing have opportunities to study abroad in semesters or during the Summer or Winter terms. TCNJ faculty teach study abroad courses around the world that will fulfill either Liberal Learning, second language, or English department requirements. A semester abroad is recommended in the second or third year of a student's program.