The UIS English Department emphasizes the humanistic endeavors of reading, writing, and studying texts in a variety of genres across cultures and times; the connection between critical and literary reading and a range of academic, professional, and creative pursuits; students’ participation in the creation of knowledge in many literary modalities and media; and the connection between civic life and the study of composition and literary texts.

The English program at the University of Illinois at Springfield offers students a wide range of courses, a highly qualified faculty, and class sizes that facilitate individual exchange and attention. Students may choose courses that can help them prepare for teaching careers, for jobs as editors and writers, or for graduate work. The program offers a wide range of traditional British, American, and World literature courses, courses focusing on a variety of topics and themes within literature, and writing courses.

Admission Requirements

To transfer into the undergraduate English Program students need:

- A minimum of 30 credit hours at the lower-division level (60 credit hours or an Associate’s degree is preferred in order to fulfill general education requirements.)
- A preferred cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale from an accredited college or university
- Completion of two English Composition courses with a grade of C or better
- Completion of one introduction to literature course with a grade of C or better
Degree Requirements

Coursework: 40 hours

- ENG 303: Research Methods (3 hours)
- ENG 304: Research Methods Lab (1 hour)
- ENG 365: Children's and Young Adult Literature (3 hours)
- ENG 371: Creative Writing Poetry (3 hours)
- ENG 372: Fiction Writing (3 hours)
- ENG 409: Rhetoric and Composition in Digital Media (3 hours)
- ENG 466: Digital Technologies in English Studies (3 hours)
- ENG 489 Capstone (3 hours)
- Editing Elective (3-4 hours)
- Writing Elective (3 hours)
- Genre Elective (3 hours)
- English Elective Coursework (12 - 14 hours)

Specific Course Information

ENG 303 & 304: Research Methods and Lab
- Take as soon as possible after becoming an English major
- Passing Grade: C or better
- Must have completed ENG 102: College Writing and Civic Engagement (or similar course) with C or better

Official degree requirements are available in the UIS catalog at www.uis.edu/uiscatalog

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