

Bachelor of Arts (BA)**Writing Option**

The Bachelor of Arts in English with an emphasis in writing allows students to gain knowledge about creative writing, practical and professional communication, stylistics, publishing and text production, and rhetorical theory.

Writing students will...

- Interact with highly qualified, published and award-winning faculty
- Learn to write in many formats including professional reviews, creative writing, critical analysis, and report writing
- Have the opportunity to publish in and work with Journey Student Literary Magazine
- Become part of a thriving writing community that holds regular readings of student work and readings by nationally known writers

Career Planning

A St. Louis Outreach Office, located in Chesterfield, Mo., provides career exploration assistance, resume critiques, interview tips, job search strategies and more.

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students		
CL001/CL002	First Semester	Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.
CL003	Junior Year	Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources.
CL004	Senior Year	Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search.
Career Services , located in Academic Hall 057, provides professional career advising to guide students in their career development.		

Internship and Employment Opportunities

- Missouri Botanical Gardens, publicity and corporate giving
- Southern Illinois University Press, marketing director
- Sourcebooks Press in Chicago, graphics and editing
- Oxford University Press, marking
- Beacon Industries, communications director
- Arkansas State University, writing programs director
- MCI, technical writing
- Wilson Corporation, technical writing
- May Company, copywriting
- Homeland Security magazine, lead writer
- American Literary Review, editor
- The Spread Effect Marketing, graphics editor and writer
- Sullivan Branding, editor
- August Home Publishing, senior editor
- Pierce College, Dean of Arts and Humanities
- National Endowment for the Humanities, intern
- Bedford St. Martins Press, Humanities specialist
- Jack Henry & Associates, lead technical writer
- Southeast Missouri State University Press, asst. editor

Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates

- Princeton University
- University of Southern Mississippi
- Southern Illinois University
- University of Gloucestershire in England
- University of Illinois
- University of Missouri- Law School
- St. Louis University- Law School
- Binghamton University
- University of Michigan- Law School
- University of North Texas
- University of Denver- Publishing Program
- Oklahoma State University
- University of Maryland

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English: Writing Option

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This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

English: Writing Option - 36 Hours Required – Minor required

Writing – Choose 6 Hours From:

- ___ EN201 Writing About Literature (3)
- ___ EN275 Introduction to Creative Writing (3)
- ___ EN376 Advanced Composition (3)

Surveys – Choose 9 Hours From:

- ___ LI260 English Literature I (3)
- ___ LI261 English Literature II (3)
- ___ LI270 American Literature I (3)
- ___ LI271 American Literature II (3)

World Survey – Choose 3 Hours From:

- ___ LI311 World Literature I (3)
- ___ LI312 World Literature II (3)

Language – Choose 3 Hours From:

- ___ EN486 Sociolinguistics (3)
- ___ UI500 History of the English Language (3)
- ___ UI501 Principles of Language (3)

Writing Option – 15 Hours Required

- ___ EN001 Writing Portfolio

Writing Techniques – Choose 3 Hours From:

- ___ EN376 Advanced Composition (3)*
- ___ EN550 Style in Writing (3)
- ___ LI572 The Modern Essay (3)

*Unless taken in the core

American Literature – Choose 3 Hours From:

- ___ LI421 Cross-Cultural American Voices (3)
- ___ LI542 Literature for the Young Adult (3)
- ___ LI565 Southern Literature (3)
- ___ LI570 Modern/Contemporary American Novel (3)
- ___ LI571 Contemporary American Poetry (3)
- ___ LI576 American Fiction of the 21st Century (3)

Professional Writing – Choose 3 Hours From:

- ___ EN301 Writing for Science and Technology (3)
- ___ EN311 Literary Manuscript Editing Practicum (3)
- ___ EN435 Internship in English (3)
- ___ LI301 Small Press Publishing (3)

Creative Writing – Choose 3 Hours From:

- ___ EN470 Advanced Creative Writing: Poetry (3)
- ___ EN478 Advanced Creative Writing: Fiction (3)

Choose 3 additional hours of a writing course not taken above

Additional Requirements – 9 Hours Required

- ___ 9 Hours in One or Two Foreign Languages
- OR
- ___ 6 Hours in One Foreign Language AND 3 Hours From one of the following:
 - ___ AN341 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (3)
 - ___ EN378 Grammars of English (3)
 - ___ EN486 Sociolinguistics (3)*
 - ___ UI500 History of the English Language (3)*
 - ___ UI501 Principles of Language (3)*

*If not taken elsewhere in the major

University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):

UI100 First Year Seminar, EN100 English Composition, Artistic Expression, Written Expression, Literary Expression, Behavioral Systems, Living Systems, Logical Systems, Physical Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Economic Systems, Political Systems, Social Systems, two IU/UI3XXs and one UI4XX/5XX.

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

English: Writing Option

Requirements for the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	3	Foreign Language 1	3
	EN100	3	Behavioral Systems	3
	Artistic Expression	3	Develop of a Major Civ	3
	Logical Systems	3	Physical Systems	3
	Social Systems	3	Written Expression	3
Total	15	Total	15	
SECOND YEAR	Foreign Language 2	3	Additional Requirement 3	3
	Surveys Core 1	3	Surveys Core 2	3
	Writing Core 1	3	Writing Core 2	3
	Literary Expression	3	Economic Systems	3
	Political Systems	3	Living Systems	3
Total	15	Total	15	
THIRD YEAR	Surveys Core 3	3	Surveys Core 4	3
	Writing Option Course	3	Writing Option Course	3
	IU/UI3xx	3	IU/UI3XX	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
Total	15	Total	15	
FOURTH YEAR	EN001	0	Writing Elective	3
	Language Core Course	3	Writing Option Course	3
	Writing Option Course	3	Minor Course/Elective	3
	UI4XX/5XX	3	Minor Course/Elective	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course/Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15	

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the freshman and senior levels.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BS degree.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e. minimum GPA and coursework) for your program of study.

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