Courses

ENGL 1030 Beginning Creative Writing: 3 semester hours
This course introduces students to the building blocks of creative writing and the writing workshop classroom. Students will explore how creative writers decide what material is best suited for a story, an essay, or a poem. Pairing creativity with critical thinking, the course offers basic writing practice and familiarizes students with primary concepts and techniques of craft (e.g., narrative, point-of-view, voice and style, character development, setting, imagery, and figurative language).

ENGL 1100 First-Year Writing (MOTR ENGL 200): 3 semester hours
Integrates critical reading, writing, and thinking skills and studies actual writing practices. Sequenced reading and writing assignments build cumulatively to more complex assignments. Includes formal and informal writing, drafting and revising, editing for correctness, synthesizing source material, and documenting sources accurately. Fulfills 3 hours of the General Education requirement for Communicating Skills. Does not count toward the major in English.

ENGL 1110 First-Year Writing for International Students: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: Essay proficiency test or a TOFEL score of 500 or above. Designed for any student whose first language is not English. Integrates critical reading, writing, and thinking skills and studies actual writing practices. Sequenced reading and writing assignments build cumulatively to more complex assignments. Includes formal and informal writing, drafting and revising, editing for correctness, synthesizing source material, and documenting sources accurately. Special attention given to verb tenses, idioms, articles, and syntax. Does not count toward the major in English. Substitutes for ENGL 1100 in all university requirements.

ENGL 1120 Introduction to Literature (MOTR LITR 100): 3 semester hours
The student is introduced to the various literary types, including poetry, drama, fiction, and the essay.

ENGL 1170 American Literary Masterpieces: 3 semester hours
An introduction to major authors, works, and themes in American Literature from the nineteenth century to the present.

ENGL 1710 Native American Literature: 3 semester hours
The course surveys the literature of American Indians from its oral tradition of myth, legend, song and oratory through its modern forms. The course satisfies the ethnic literature requirement for Missouri state certification in secondary education and the cultural diversity requirement.

ENGL 1800 Reading Life: 3 semester hours
This course teaches college-level reading in the Humanities. The course primarily covers written texts, but may also include various genres in music, television and film, and theater. The course may be counted towards the major or minor in English.

ENGL 1950 Topics in Literature: 3 semester hours
This course will introduce the student to selected literary topics and/or genres. Each semester the department will announce topics and course content. Topics such as alienation, justice, and the absurd, and genres such as science fiction and contemporary drama are typical possibilities.

ENGL 2020 Introduction to Creative Writing: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. This course is a writing survey and workshop focusing on the study of three genres—short fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction. Students learn primary concepts and techniques of craft, including narrative, voice, character, setting, imagery, metaphor, point-of-view. Students will explore literary conventions specific to each genre, as well as universal qualities that make all writing effective for an audience. The course requires three different kinds of writing: brief analytic essays, open-ended exploratory exercises, and carefully-revised original work. This course fulfills the core requirement in Creative Writing and counts toward the Certificate in Writing.

ENGL 2040 Fiction Writing Jumpstart: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. This course provides new poets, would-be poets, and curious non-poets with exercises, experiments, and activities to explore two questions: what is a poem, and how does one get written? Students will read published poems and examine their use of imagery, metaphor, form, and other techniques, and experiment with those techniques in their own writing. This course satisfies the English core requirement for the Creative Writing area and counts toward the Certificate in Writing.

ENGL 2080 Advertising Copywriting: 3 semester hours
Same as MEDIA ST 2080. To give students a hands-on approach for writing advertising material for print and broadcast against tight deadlines in a professional setting.

ENGL 2110 Information Literacy: 3 semester hours
Designed especially for humanities and fine arts majors, this course surveys the literature of American Indians from its oral tradition of myth, legend, song and oratory through its modern forms. The course satisfies the ethnic literature requirement for Missouri state certification in secondary education and the cultural diversity requirement.

ENGL 2120 Topics in Writing: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 1100 or equivalent, or consent of instructor. This course will introduce the student to writing in specific areas. Possible topics are argumentation, reading and writing about public affairs, sports reporting and writing, and writing about science. A student may repeat the course once when topics are different. The course counts toward the Certificate in Writing.

ENGL 2125 Introduction to Technical Communication (MOTR ENGL 110): 3 semester hours
This course introduces students to the role of the professional technical communicator in business and industry. Students will explore methods of developing technical documents, including critical analysis, information design, and rhetorical expression.
ENGL 3100 Junior-Level Writing: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent (3-6 credit hours) and 48 credit hours. This course enhances analytical, communicative, persuasive, and explanatory capabilities in contemporary American English. It emphasizes academic reading, writing, research, and documentation. This fulfills the university's junior-level writing requirement and counts towards the Certificate in Writing.

ENGL 3110 Junior-Level Writing for International Students: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1110 or equivalent (3-6 credit hours) and 56 credit hours. This course, designed for any student whose first language is not English, enhances analytical, communicative, persuasive, and explanatory capabilities in contemporary American English. It emphasizes academic reading, writing, research, and documentation. This fulfills the university's junior-level writing requirement and counts toward the Certificate in Writing.

ENGL 3120 Business Writing: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent (3-6 hours) and 48 credit hours. This course further develops the experienced writer's style and analytical capabilities to the level of sophistication necessary for business and professional settings. Writing assignments may include business correspondence, reports, resumes, proposals, analyses, presentations, marketing, promotional, and multi-modal materials, discussion postings and blogs, articles for in-house publications, and research and documentation. The course fulfills the University's junior-level writing requirement and may not be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

ENGL 3130 Technical Writing: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent (3-6 hours) and 56 credit hours. This course introduces students to the major elements of industrial technical writing. Writing assignments include technical definitions, abstracts and summaries, mechanism descriptions, instructions, process analyses, technical reports and proposals. The course includes an introduction to research methods and documentation. This fulfills the University's junior-level writing requirement and may not be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

ENGL 3150 Feature Writing: 3 semester hours
Same as MEDIA ST 3150. Prerequisite: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. Study of freelance and staff-written magazine or newspaper feature articles. Emphasis on relationship between types of publication and article content, research methods, and writing style. Frequent short assignments -- journal entries, interviews, library projects, article critiques, and market reports -- lead to production of full-length feature articles. May not be taken on the satisfactory/unsatisfactory option. The course counts toward the Certificate in Writing.

ENGL 3160 Writing in the Sciences: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent (3-6 hours) and 48 credit hours. This course is designed to teach students how to write effectively in the sciences. Writing assignments may include short reports, proposals and a major project; projects may include a research or analytical report, a formal proposal or a procedures/instructions manual. The course includes an introduction to research methods and documentation. This course fulfills the University's junior-level writing requirement and may not be taken on the satisfactory/unsatisfactory option.

ENGL 3200 Composing Disability: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. This course offers students an understanding of disability as a complex and crucial part of the world and human experience. Students will approach disability as a matter of identity, language, writing, power, education, politics, literature, art, and more. More specifically, they will read disability studies critical theory, literary works, and personal narratives; create accessible multimodal projects; engage in scholarly and/or community-based research; and candidly discuss assumptions about disability. Through this work, students will assess the value and effect of different ways of thinking about disability and understand the core concepts of disability studies and its emergence as a field.

ENGL 3201 Narratives from the Forever Wars: 3 semester hours
Same as MEDIA ST 3201 and MVS 3201. This course studies literature and film written by and about those who served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, with particular interest in how veterans as individuals are represented in it.

ENGL 3280 Public Relations Writing: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 3100 or equivalent. An introduction to the process of planning, producing, and evaluating written public relations messages. Writing assignments includemedia releases, letters, memos, position papers, background papers, brochures, and reports and proposals.

ENGL 3310 English Literature Before 1790: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. This course examines the development of English literature from the Middle Ages into the eighteenth century. Students will be introduced to major literary movements and themes through the reading and analysis of representative works of selected major authors. This course fulfills the British Literature requirement for the major.

ENGL 3320 British Literature in the Long 19th Century: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. This course meets the requirement for one 3000 level course in British literature. It surveys the arc of British literature from about 1790 into the early 20th century: the Romantic, Victorian, and Modernist eras.

ENGL 3330 Reformers, Revolutionaries, and Romans in the British Romantic Era: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. Students read poetry and prose by several major writers of the British Romantic period. This course meets the requirement for one 3000 level course in British literature.

ENGL 3340 Full Speed Ahead! Literature in the Dizzying Victorian Era: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. Students read poetry, essays, and fiction by major writers from the Victorian era of British literature. This course meets the requirement for one 3000 level course in British literature.

ENGL 3350 Slouching Toward Chaos: the Early 20th Century in British Literature: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. Students read poetry, drama, and fiction by major writers of the Modernist era of British literature. This course meets the requirement for one 3000 level course in British literature.

ENGL 3500 Special Studies: 1-3 semester hours
Prerequisite: A course in area of proposed work and consent of instructor. Individual work, with conferences adjusted to needs of the student. May not be used to meet specific English department distribution and language requirements. May be repeated for a maximum total of four hours credit.
ENGL 3510 World Literature Before 1650: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 1100. This course surveys World Literature from the earliest times to 1650. Students will examine diverse literary works in a variety of genres and voices. The course will include literary works from diverse traditions throughout the world, excluding literature from the United States and England.

ENGL 3520 World Literature After 1650: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100. This course surveys World Literature from 1650 to the present. Students will examine diverse literary works in a variety of genres and voices. The course will include literary works from diverse traditions from throughout the world.

ENGL 3530 Contemporary World Literature: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. This course covers selected World Literature from the 20th and 21st centuries with emphasis on non-European literatures. This course may include works from Europe, Latin American, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia; it excludes literature from the United States and England.

ENGL 3710 American Literature Before 1865: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. This course features representative selections from American authors from the early seventeenth century to the Civil War. This course fulfills the American Literature requirement for the major.

ENGL 3720 American Literature After 1865: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent. This course examines dramatic upheavals in society that have engendered continuous innovation in American literature since 1865. It will look closely at a variety of individual authors motivated by these artistic, cultural, political, and psychological disturbances; we will also pay close attention to specific literary movements, from Naturalism to Transrealism, energized by these societal changes. This course fulfills the American Literature requirement for the major.

ENGL 3800 Topics in Women and Literature: 3 semester hours
An examination of the role of women in literature, either as figures in literary works or as writers. Specific topics to vary from semester to semester. Since the topics of ENGL 3800 may change each semester, the course may be repeated for credit if the topics are substantially different.

ENGL 4030 Contemporary Critical Theory: 3 semester hours
This course is to acquaint students with a range of critical methodologies that have gained currency since the 1960's; topics may include formalist, structuralist, post-structuralist, Marxist, reader-response, psychoanalytic, feminist, cognitive, and evolutionary approaches to literature and culture.

ENGL 4060 Adolescent Literature: 3 semester hours
The course will expose students to the large variety of quality adolescent literature available for reading and study in middle and high school classes. It will also examine the relevance of a variety of issues to the reading and teaching of adolescent literature, among them: reader response; theory and practice; multi-culturalism; literacy; the relation of adolescent literature to "classic" literature; the role of adolescent literature in interdisciplinary studies; adolescent literature as an incentive to extracurricular reading.

ENGL 4080 The Truth about Fiction: Biological Reality and Imaginary Lives: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3100 or equivalent (may be taken concurrently). This course presupposes that works of literature center on the main phases, motives, and social relationships in the human life cycle, for instance, survival, growing up, establishing an identity, becoming part of a community, mating, parenting and family life, conflicts between communities, imaginative culture (religion, ideology, the arts), growing old, and dying. Readings include literary works along with psychological studies and literary theory and criticism that draw on biologically grounded research on human behavior.

ENGL 4130 A Machine Made of Words: Writing Your Best Poems: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3100 or equivalent. This course examines in more detail the ways in which poets construct machines from words—that is, the way that the words of a poem provide its verbal, emotional, and intellectual energy. Through the examination and discussion of both contemporary published poetry and the work of students in the class, students will consider the question: how do poems use language to make sense of (or to defamiliarize) the world and our experience of it? The course counts toward the Certificate in Writing.

ENGL 4140 Polishing Your Stories: Producing a Publishable Short Story: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3100 or equivalent. This course gives student writers tools and practice in re-thinking and rewriting their stories. It is for students who are serious about writing stories that can be published in litmag, Belletrive, or other journals. Students will produce drafts for workshop critique and will rewrite them producing at least one that is polished enough for publication. The course counts toward the certificate in Writing.

ENGL 4150 Creative Non-Fiction: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3100 or equivalent. This course will examine the aesthetic and technical concerns of the writer of creative non-fiction. Students will read published essays and write their own to submit for workshop. This course counts toward the Certificate in Writing.

ENGL 4160 Special Topics in Writing: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3100 or equivalent. Special topics in writing that are not covered in other 4000-level English courses. Since the topics of ENGL 4160 may change each semester, the course may be repeated for credit if the topics are substantially different.

ENGL 4162 Writers at Work: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Junior-level writing course or graduate standing. This course introduces students to writing professions. Students will research various writing professions and practice different professional writing genres, such as corporate writing, public relations writing, blogging, magazine writing, copywriting, and editing. Students will work on portfolios that will help them to obtain writing internships or jobs. Readings will help students conduct meta-analysis on their own writing and writing process.

ENGL 4180 Novel Beginnings: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3100 or equivalent. This course teaches students to engage the reader when writing a Sci-fi / Fantasy / Thriller / Young Adult / Literary novel. Students will work on getting the balance right, on creating a compelling event, dimensional characters, an engaging plot, a setting that feels real, and a point-of-view strategy. Students learn about key ingredients that make a novel beginning interesting to a reader and present their novel beginnings in a workshop format for revision.

ENGL 4260 Chaucer: 3 semester hours
The course concentrates on the poetry of Geoffrey Chaucer, including the Canterbury Tales, early poetic works, and the Troilus and Criseyde. All readings are in the original Middle English.
ENGL 4270 Medieval English Literature: 3 semester hours
A survey of old and middle English literature from Beowulf to Malory’s Morte d’Arthur, exclusive of Chaucer. All works are read in modern English translations.

ENGL 4360 Shakespeare’s Friends and Rivals: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Junior standing or consent of instructor. This course studies the professional London stage from the 1580s to the 1620s with particular emphasis on the drama of Shakespeare’s contemporaries. Though Shakespeare will not be the focus in this course, connections with his works will be discussed. Students will learn the conventions of dramatic genres and how to situate plays in their historical, cultural, and literary contexts. They will also explore how playwrights responded to the theater market in which they exhibited their dramatic wares and the extent to which they saw one another as rivals or collaborators.

ENGL 4370 Shakespeare: Tragedies and Romances: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Junior standing or consent of instructor. This course explores Shakespeare’s tragedies and romances, with particular attention to their genre as well as their relation to the cultural issues of Shakespeare’s time. Students will learn to see Shakespeare as a dramatic craftsman and explore the question of his contribution to English literature: whether he saw himself as an innovator or inheritor of well-known stories from the classical tradition, Britain’s chronicle histories, scripture, and legend. Shakespeare’s narrative poems as well as modern film adaptations may also be featured.

ENGL 4380 Shakespeare: Comedies and Histories: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Junior standing or consent of instructor. This course explores Shakespeare’s comedies and histories, with particular attention to their genre as well as their relation to the cultural issues of Shakespeare’s time, above all the place of women and the importance of marriage and male friendship. Students will learn how Shakespeare’s plays explore the rights of citizens and perhaps challenge accepted notions of political power. Students will also uncover Shakespeare’s debt to ancient and contemporary forms of comedy as well as his innovative contributions to that dramatic form. The sonnets as well as modern film adaptations may also be brought into the discussion of these questions.

ENGL 4450 The Eighteenth-Century English Novel: 3 semester hours
The origins and early development of the English novel, from Defoe to Jane Austen.

ENGL 4450 The Nineteenth-Century English Novel: 3 semester hours
Novels of the Romantic and Victorian periods, from Austen to George Eliot.

ENGL 4550 Novels into Films: The Nineteenth Century: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3090, ENGL 3320. Novels by Austen, Eliot, Wilde, Hardy, and others read in themselves and as interpreted in film. Comparisons of the representational and aesthetic techniques available to novels and film.

ENGL 4580 Literature of the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries: 3 semester hours
Literature of the period between 1870 and the First World War, including works by writers such as Hardy, Conrad, James, Wilde, Stevenson, Shaw, Jefferies, and Wells.

ENGL 4610 Selected Major American Writers I: 3 semester hours
American literature of the nineteenth century: Emerson, Thoreau, Hawthorne, Melville, Whitman and others.
ENGL 4860 Editing and the Production Process: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3100 or equivalent; ENGL 2810 or ENGL 4810. This course provides students an opportunity to perform professional-level copyediting and proofreading, navigate several industry-standard publishing style manuals, understand the basic stages of the book production process and editorial roles at various stages during that process, and recognize and question trends in the practice and execution (media, format) of copyediting. This course counts toward the Professional, Creative, and Technical Writing Certificates.

ENGL 4864 Technical Editing: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent (3-6 hours) and junior standing. This course covers the principles and practices of technical editing, including usability, audience analysis, contextual editing, the conventions of scientific and technical communication, and the role of the editor in document development and publication. Students will also learn standard practices of copy editing and the use of style guides.

ENGL 4865 Content Strategy: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent (3-6 hours) and junior standing. This course examines the practice of technical communication in content management system (CMS) environments and covers such subjects as single sourcing, topic-based writing, and adaptive content. Students will learn how to perform a content audit, engage in content modeling, create content templates, and use Framemaker or a similar tool to structure content.

ENGL 4866 Help Authoring: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent (3-6 hours) and junior standing. This course addresses the technological and rhetorical skills necessary for creating effective online help systems, including context-sensitive help for computer applications.

ENGL 4867 Proposal Writing: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent (3-6 hours) and junior standing. This course familiarizes students with many aspects of writing proposals for various purposes in academic, professional, and public spheres. It offers students opportunities to write documents to promote their academic, professional, or personal goals or those of their organization(s).

ENGL 4869 Usability Studies: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent (3-6 hours) and junior standing. This course addresses the methods used by technical communicators to evaluate usability. It focuses on methods used to evaluate human interaction with communication tools and students will learn how to make products more suitable for human use.

ENGL 4870 Advanced Business and Technical Writing: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3100 or its equivalent as judged by the instructor. An advanced, project-oriented course to produce substantial, multifaceted business and technical writing projects. These might include reports, manuals, proposals, Web projects, computer documentation, or other advanced written assignments. These projects demonstrate the ability to handle complex assignments requiring initiative, independent work, and professional-level writing skills.

ENGL 4871 Publishing: Writers, Editors, and Readers: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3120, ENGL 3130; or equivalent. Students will explore how the technological revolution has changed the way writers write, editors edit, and readers read. Topics covered will include the social and political implications of these technological advances in book, magazine, and online publishing. We will discuss how the roles of editors and writers have changed. Students will develop a semester writing or editing project that emerges out of this exploration. This course is for writers interested in having their work published and for anyone interested in working in the publishing field. This course counts toward the Professional, Creative, and Technical Writing Certificates.

ENGL 4872 Technical Presentations: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3120, ENGL 3130, or equivalent. Students learn about different kinds of presentations given in professional contexts and the technologies used to produce them. They will learn to create powerful presentations that make memorable presentations. The course is asynchronous and 100% online, and is designed for graduate students preparing papers for conferences, and for technical and business professionals presenting to their bosses, colleagues, and clients. This course counts toward the Professional and Technical Writing Certificate.

ENGL 4874 International Dimensions of Technical Communication: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent (3-6 hours) and junior standing. This course examines complexities of communication of technical information worldwide. It includes topics such as graphics, icons, symbols; user interface design; intercultural communication.

ENGL 4876 Research Methods in Technical Communication: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent (3-6 hours) and junior standing. This course addresses essential research methods in technical communication, including audience analysis, interviewing techniques, working with subject matter experts, and experimental research design.

ENGL 4877 Writing in Social Media: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 1100 or equivalent (3-6 hours) and junior standing. This course will address theory and practice of communication through social media. It will emphasize the role of social media in industry.

ENGL 4880 Writing for Teachers: 3 semester hours
Same as SEC ED 4880. Prerequisite: ENGL 3090 or junior level English. Writing for Teachers is an English-education course that supports writing across the curriculum for both pre-service English and content area teachers. Teacher candidates learn writing theories and literacy strategies to help their future students construct meaning from their discipline. The course works best for those who are completing level II or beginning level III education courses. The course counts toward the Certificate in Writing.

ENGL 4890 Writing Internship: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3100 or its equivalent as judged by the instructor. Course limited to students who are completing certificates in writing. May be taken concurrently with the final course in the certificate sequence. Students work in a supervised internship to complete professional writing assignments. Special consent form required.

ENGL 4892 Independent Writing Project: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: ENGL 3100 or equivalent as judged by instructor. Course limited to students who are completing their certificates in writing. May be taken concurrently with the final course in the certificate sequence. Students work individually with an instructor to complete an extensive creative writing or critical analysis writing project. This course is available on a limited basis only with the approval of the Coordinator and faculty sponsor. Special consent form is required.
ENGL 4925 The Short Story in World Literature: 3 semester hours
Students will read a wide variety of short fiction, from very brief pieces to novellas, including stories from all over the world and from several different centuries either in translation or in the original English. The course will also cover short theoretical works on narrative and critical commentaries on some of the fiction.

ENGL 4932 Female Gothic: 3 semester hours
Same as GS 4932. The course examines the historical development of the female gothic, a genre which employs narrative strategies for expressing fears and desires associated with female experience. From the late 18th century to the present, we will trace the persistence of the Gothic vision in fiction and film.

ENGL 4950 Special Topics In Literature: 3 semester hours
Special topics in literature that are not covered in other 4000-level English courses. Since the topics of ENGL 4950 may change each semester, the course may be repeated for credit if the topics are substantially different.

ENGL 5000 Introduction to Graduate Study in English: 3 semester hours
A course designed to prepare students for the professional study of English. The course will both familiarize students with basic bibliographic tools and scholarly methods and introduce them to issues that are of current critical interest to those engaged in the advanced study of literature. These issues include gender, textuality, reader-response, multiculturalism, feminism, psychoanalysis, cultural studies, literary history and the relationship of literature to philosophy, history, and science. Must be taken within the first twelve hours of graduate study.

ENGL 5100 Graduate Workshop in Poetry: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Open to students in the creative writing program and to others with permission of instructor. Consists of a writing workshop in which the poetry written by the students enrolled in the course is discussed and analyzed by the instructor and members of the class. Students taking this course will be expected to write original poetry throughout the course. May be repeated for maximum graduate credit of fifteen (15) hours.

ENGL 5110 Graduate Workshop in Fiction: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Open to students in the creative writing program and to others with permission of instructor. Consists of a writing workshop in which the fiction (short stories or chapters of a novel) written by the students enrolled in the course is discussed and analyzed by the instructor and members of the class. Students taking this course will be expected to write original fiction throughout the course. May be repeated for maximum graduate credit of fifteen (15) hours.

ENGL 5170 Techniques, Methods, and Effects in Fiction Writing: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: Open to students in the MFA program and to others with consent of the instructor. This course analyzes the technical choices made by important contemporary fiction writers in the areas of point of view, tone, setting, form, and plot structure, and it examines the effects of those choices. Close consideration is given to fictional techniques that contribute to a story's characterization, tension, interest, reliability, drama, irony, and humor. The course is primarily for creative writers.

ENGL 5180 Form and Theory of Poetry: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Open to students in the MFA Program and other graduate students with consent of instructor. This course explores various aspects of traditional and contemporary poetry. The student will gain an understanding of formal poetry-rhyme and meter-as well as of traditional types of poetry, for example, the lyric and the narrative. Throughout the course, an emphasis will be maintained on free verse and a greater understanding of its practice. Students will read selectively in the poetry, theory, and critical approaches of various periods, for example, the romantic and the modern, and within various movements, such as the symbolist or confessional.

ENGL 5190 Literary Journal Editing: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Open to students in the MFA program who have had at least two graduate writing workshops and to others with consent of the instructor. In this course students serve as the first readers of all submissions to the university's literary magazine, Natural Bridge. Students will read and evaluate poems, short stories, and essays and recommend a body of work to the editorial board of the magazine. The editorial board will then consider the class consensus in its final selection of material for publication. In addition to this primary task of editorial selection, students will also be involved in the productions of an issue of the magazine. May be repeated for maximum graduate credit of nine hours.

ENGL 5200 MFA Readings: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Open to students in the MFA program and to others with consent of the instructor. This course analyzes the technical choices made by important contemporary fiction writers in the areas of point of view, tone, setting, form, and plot structure, and it examines the effects of those choices. Close consideration is given to fictional techniques that contribute to a story's characterization, tension, interest, reliability, drama, irony, and humor. The course is primarily for creative writers.

ENGL 5250 Studies in Middle English Literature: 3 semester hours
Special topics in English literature before 1500.

ENGL 5300 Renaissance Literature: 3 semester hours
Special topics in English literature from 1500 to 1660.

ENGL 5400 Eighteenth Century Literature: 3 semester hours
Studies in Augustan poetry and prose, including drama and fiction, with emphasis on background and major figures.

ENGL 5500 Nineteenth Century Literature: 3 semester hours
Special topics in English romanticism, in Victorian life and thought, and in the development of the novel and of poetry between 1797 and 1914.

ENGL 5600 American Literature Before 1900: 3 semester hours
Selected American writers or topics from the colonial period to 1900.

ENGL 5700 Twentieth-Century American Literature: 3 semester hours
Selected American writers or topics from 1900 to the present.

ENGL 5750 Twentieth-Century British Literature: 3 semester hours
Selected British and Commonwealth writers of the twentieth century.
ENGL 5800 Modern Linguistics: 3 semester hours
Prerequisite: A study of selected topics in the structure of the English language, combining readings in current linguistics publications with original research.

ENGL 5840 Theories of Writing: 3 semester hours
An analysis of major modern theories in composition.

ENGL 5850 Studies in Composition: 3 semester hours
The study of special topics in composition. Topics may include history of composition, psychology of writing, reader response theory, etc.

ENGL 5860 Writing/Reading Theory: 3 semester hours
This course studies the parallel evolution of reading and writing theory and pedagogy. Topics include the influence of psycholinguistics and reader-response theory and the link between reading and writing theory and instruction.

ENGL 5880 Writing in the Content Areas: 3 semester hours
Same as TCH ED 5880. Prerequisites: Graduate standing. This course emphasizes the importance of integrating writing instruction in classrooms across subject areas. Theories of writing and writing instruction will be explored, and students will discuss how to put the theories into practice in their classrooms. Students will learn to explore their own writing process while learning strategies that will help them to teach writing rather than just assign writing. The course examines the tools pre-service and in-service teachers will need to work with diverse learning communities, to utilize best practice in the teaching of writing, and to use writing as a tool for student learning in any content area. Students in this class will be held to professional writing and speaking standards. The course counts toward the Certificate in Writing.

ENGL 5890 Teaching College Writing: 3 semester hours
This course provides the opportunity for practical application of composition theory with an emphasis on improving teaching skills. Strongly recommended for graduate teaching assistants.

ENGL 5910 Studies in Poetry: 3 semester hours
Study of a few selected British and American poets.

ENGL 5920 Studies in Fiction: 3 semester hours
Study of a few selected British and American novelists and short story writers.

ENGL 5940 Seminar in Gender and Literature: 3 semester hours
Same as GS 5940. Gender studies in literature of different periods, types, and genres; satisfies area requirement (1-6) appropriate to its period, national literature, and genre.

ENGL 5950 Seminar in Special Topics: 1-3 semester hours
Special topics which are not covered in other graduate-level English courses.

ENGL 5970 Independent Reading: 1-3 semester hours
Directed study in areas of English for which courses are not available.

ENGL 6000 Thesis: 1-6 semester hours
Prerequisite: 3.5 graduate GPA. Thesis research and writing on a selected topic in English studies. May be taken over two semesters, three (3) hours each semester.

ENGL 6880 Gateway Writing Project: 6 semester hours
Same as TCH ED 6880. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. An intensive course in the writing process and the writing curriculum, designed for experienced teachers. Readings of current theory and research will be related to participants’ experience as writers and as teachers. May be repeated for credit, but no more than 6 hours may be applied toward the M.Ed. Counts toward the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Writing.