

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH: CONCENTRATION IN PROFESSIONAL WRITING AND RHETORIC ROADMAP

120 Total Units Required
Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 45

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult your Degree Planner (<https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/>) and an advisor for further guidance.

To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet the SF State Studies (AERM, GP, ESCA, SJ) requirements within your GE or major.

Course	Title	Units
First Semester		
GE Area 1A: English Composition ¹		3
GE Area 1: English Communication		3
GE Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
GE Area 3A: Arts		3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective ³		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
ENG 218	Literature Is Not A Luxury: Writing For Self and Community (Major Lower-Division Core)	3
ENG 250	Topics in Literature and Culture (Major Lower-Division Core, GE 3B)	3
GE Area 1: English Communication		3
GE Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences ⁴		3-4
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective ³		3
Units		15-16
Third Semester		
GE Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences ⁵		3
GE Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences ⁴		3-4
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Three ³		9
Units		15-16
Fourth Semester		
GE Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences ⁵		3
U.S. and California Government (https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/american-institutions/#usg)		3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Three ³		9
Units		15

Fifth Semester		
ENG 402	Introduction to Professional Writing and Rhetoric (Major Upper-Division Core)	3
ENG 480GW	Writing in English: GVAR Seminar (Major Upper-Division Core)	3
Concentration Elective (9 Units Total) ⁶		3
GE Area 6: Ethnic Studies (https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/areasix/)		3
GE Area 5UD or 2UD: Upper-Division Sciences or Upper-Division Mathematical Concepts		3
Units		15
Sixth Semester		
ENG 420	Introduction to the Study of Language (Major Upper-Division Core, GE 3UD, GP)	3
ENG 461	Literature in English Since 1800 (Major Upper-Division Core)	3
ENG 540	Professional Editing (Major Concentration)	3
Concentration Elective (9 Units Total) ⁶		3
GE Area 4UD: Upper-Division Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
Units		15
Seventh Semester		
ENG 545	Visual Rhetoric and Document Design (Major Concentration)	3
ENG 583	Shakespeare: Representative Plays (Major Upper-Division Core)	3
ENG 640	Global Texts and Practices (Major Upper-Division Core, GP)	3
Concentration Elective (9 Units Total) ⁶		3
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective ³		3
Units		15
Eighth Semester		
ENG 618	Collaborative Writing (Major Concentration, SJ)	3
ENG 695	Major Capstone	
Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Three ³		9
Units		12
Total Units		117-119

¹ Students should use their Pathway/Category (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/pathways/>) to determine the appropriate GE 1A course option. For directions on how to view your Pathway/Category, visit [how to find your pathway \(https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways/\)](https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways/). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

² Students should use their Pathway/Category (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/pathways/>) to determine the appropriate GE 2 course option. For directions on how to view your Pathway/Category, visit [how to find your pathway \(https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways/\)](https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways/). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

³ **Complementary Studies**

12 units of Complementary Studies are required of all candidates in any of the four concentrations (Literature, Linguistics, English Education, and Professional Writing and Rhetoric) in the Bachelor of Arts degree in English. These units must come from courses bearing a prefix other than ENG, and must not be cross-listed with ENG. English majors will be offered four pathways for satisfying this requirement; each pathway is designed to facilitate graduation in a timely manner.

- Foreign Language: 12 units in a single foreign language;
- Second Major, Minor, Certificate: 12 units of coursework taken as part of a second major, a minor, or a certificate;
- Study Abroad: 12 units of coursework taken in an approved study abroad program (such as CSU Study Abroad);
- Related Subjects: 12 units of coursework in related disciplines with the approval of a English Department advisor.

Related subjects typically include (but are not limited to) Comparative and World Literature, Classics, Creative Writing, Ethnic Studies, Foreign Languages, History, Journalism, and Women and Gender Studies. For this option, 6 units must be from classes in a non-literary related field. Depending on the concentration within the major, CS pathway, and with approval of a departmental advisor, up to 12 units from courses with non-ENG prefixes that count towards the Complementary Studies requirement may also count as English electives in fulfillment of major requirements.

⁴ Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill 5C if not already satisfied.

⁵ First-time freshmen must take one lower-division Area 4 course that meets US History (USH).

⁶ **Concentration Electives (9 units)**

A full list of courses that can fulfill this requirement can be found in the Degree Requirements (<https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/english/ba-english-concentration-professional-writing-rhetoric/#degrequirementstext>).