Core

CORE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORE 101 - Integrated Std Sem*GTW (Credits: 3)
Gen Ed Core-Gateway
Core 101 is part of the Integrated Studies Program (ISP) and is intended for selected first-year students who are enrolled in Writing 115 and Developmental Math. The content of the seminar emphasizes the University’s academic expectations of its students. Explicit instruction in critical reading, analytical thinking, and reflection are woven throughout the curriculum and assist in the development of intellectual, personal, and social skills designed to promote students’ self-awareness and success.

CORE 102 - Gateway Seminar*GTW (Credits: 3)
Gen Ed Core-Gateway
A 3 credit seminar focused on inquiry and critical thinking, and personal assessment and exploration of college major and career choices. The course is intended to introduce students to occupational research, goal setting, and the relationship between college majors and careers.

English/Writing

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
The English/Writing program at EOU offers a low-residency Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing, online and on-campus Bachelors of Arts and Science degrees in English/Writing, and two undergraduate minors, one in English and one in Interdisciplinary Writing and Rhetoric, both of which are available both on campus and online.

The Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in English/Writing provides a solid background in writing, rhetoric, and literature/film. Courses stress analysis, confident and original writing, and tolerance for diversity of thought. Students are encouraged to select appropriate minors, engage in interdisciplinary studies, and complete advanced studies in modern languages, computer applications, allied arts, or second majors.

English/Writing majors are strongly advised to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree because learning a second language is key to understanding the English language. A second language is often also required at the graduate level for the same reason, so the preparation at the undergraduate level saves time and effort later. All students should carefully consult with and follow recommendations of their major advisers for timely completion of general education and degree requirements.

The English/Writing major and minor and the Interdisciplinary Writing and Rhetoric minor are available on campus and online with slight differences in course offerings.

English/Writing graduates possess excellent communication and critical thinking skills. Graduates continue to advanced study in literature, creative writing, and rhetoric, master’s work in education, and law school. Graduates pursue careers in journalism, politics, freelance writing, teaching, arts administration, editing and publishing, screen writing, film production, and tribal education and administration. Other post-graduate areas of career opportunity include business venues and NGOs that value clear-minded and creative thinking as well as writing and communication skills.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
Graduates with a degree in English/Writing will have demonstrated their mastery of textual analysis, interdisciplinary approaches to literacy, and creative expression. In each, students must demonstrate:

- **Content Knowledge:** Mastery of discipline-based content knowledge through the effective use of key terms, concepts, and approaches from the field of English Studies.
- **Inquiry:** Enhanced use of discipline-based inquiry through the investigation of a problem determined by the student’s interest and often pursued through multiple disciplinary approaches.
- **Communication:** Enhanced use of discipline-based communication in writing clearly, editing carefully, developing ideas fully, and taking into consideration subject, audience, occasion, purpose, and genre.