

ENGLISH (RHETORIC, DIGITAL MEDIA AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION) - BACHELOR OF ARTS

In addition to meeting the English basic skills requirement, the student pursuing a concentration in Rhetoric, Digital Media, and Professional Communication must complete 42 credits in English beyond ENGL 1110G Composition I satisfying the following requirements.

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		10
	<i>English Composition - Level 1</i> ¹	
	<i>English Composition - Level 2</i> ¹	
	<i>Oral Communication</i> ¹	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i> ^{1,2}		3-4
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		10-11
	<i>Area III: Laboratory Sciences Course (4 credits)</i> ¹	
	<i>Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (3 credits)</i> ¹	
	<i>Either an Area III/IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences Course or Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (4 or 3 credits)</i> ¹	
<i>Area V: Humanities</i> ¹		3
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> ¹		3
<i>General Education Elective</i> ¹		3-4
Viewing A Wider World ³		6
Departmental/College Requirements		
ENGL 310	Critical Writing ⁴	3
Select four from the following: ^{4,5}		12
ENGL 2310G	Introduction to Creative Writing	
ENGL 2521	The Bible as Literature	
ENGL 2610	American Literature I	
ENGL 2620	American Literature II	
ENGL 2280	History of Argument ((recommended))	
ENGL 2630	British Literature I	
ENGL 2640	British Literature II	
Select one from the following: ⁴		3
ENGL 301	Theory and Criticism: Rhetoric and Culture (recommended)	
ENGL 302	Theory and Criticism: Literature and Culture	
ENGL 303	Theory and Criticism: Film, Media and Culture (recommended)	
<i>Rhetoric and Composition</i>		
Select two from the following: ⁵		6
ENGL 419	Modern Rhetorical Theory	
ENGL 449	Advanced Study in Writing	
ENGL 470	Approaches to Composition	

<i>Professional Communication</i>		
Select two from the following: ⁵		6
ENGL 403	Web Design and Development	
ENGL 412	Writing in the Workplace	
ENGL 431	Technical Editing	
ENGL 449	Advanced Study in Writing	
ENGL 460	Proposal Writing	
ENGL 497	Internship	
<i>Digital Rhetoric and Design</i>		
Select two from the following: ⁵		6
ENGL 315	Writing for the Web	
ENGL 326	Cultural Identity and Representation Across the Media	
ENGL 404	User Experience and Assistance	
ENGL 430	Online Publishing	
ENGL 449	Advanced Study in Writing	
ENGL 478	Document Design	
<i>Additional Courses</i>		
Select 6 credits of upper division level, advisor-approved English courses relevant to program of study. ⁶		6
Second Language Requirement: (required- see the section at the bottom of the page)		0-8
Electives, to bring the total credits to 120 ⁷		29-40
Total Credits		120

- See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses
- A Mathematics course is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter the course first.
- See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
- Students may make 1 or 2 of the following substitutions:
 - HNRS 2160G New Testament as Literature for ENGL 2521 The Bible as Literature;
 - HNRS 2171G The Worlds of Arthur or HNRS 2117G The World of the Renaissance: Discovering the Modern for ENGL 2630 British Literature I.
- These 18 credits should be completed before the student enrolls in 400 level courses.
- Students must take a total of 12 credit hours at the 400 level or above.
- Elective credit may vary based on second language requirements, prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors, and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 120 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.

Second Language Requirement

For the Bachelor of Arts in the English, with a Concentration in Rhetoric, Digital Media and Professional Communication, there is a one year second language requirement, the options to complete this requirement are listed below. The number of credits that a student needs to take may vary depending on what level they come in with. Please speak with an advisor for more information as to which courses you will need to take to fulfill the second language requirement for this degree.

Option 1:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Complete one of the following sequences:		
FREN 1110 & FREN 1120	French I and French II	4-8
GRMN 1110 & GRMN 1120	German I and German II	4-8
JAPN 1110 & JAPN 1120	Japanese I and Japanese II	4-8
SPAN 1110 & SPAN 1120	Spanish I and Spanish II	4-8
PORT 1110 & PORT 1120	Portuguese I and Portuguese II	3-6
<i>For Heritage Speakers:</i>		
SPAN 1210 & SPAN 1220 or SPAN 2210	Elementary Spanish for Heritage Learners I and Spanish for Heritage Learners II Spanish for Heritage Learners III	3-6

Option 2:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Complete the following sequence for American Sign Language (with a C- or better):		
SIGN 1110	American Sign Language I	3
SIGN 1120	American Sign Language II	3

Option 3:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Challenge the 1120 level for the following courses:		
FREN 1120 or GRMN 1120 or JAPN 1120 or SPAN 1120	French II German II Japanese II Spanish II	4
<i>OR</i>		
Challenge the 1120/1220/2210 level for the following courses:		
PORT 1120 or SPAN 1220 or SPAN 2210	Portuguese II Spanish for Heritage Learners II Spanish for Heritage Learners III	3

Option 4:

Pass a three-credit, upper-division course (numbered 300 or above) taught in a second language by the department of Languages and Linguistics.

Option 5:

Obtain college certification of completion of three years of a second language at the high school level with a grade of C- or higher in the second-year level.

Option 6:

By obtaining certification of a working knowledge of a Native American language from the American Indian program director.

Option 7:

By obtaining, from the head of the Department of Languages and Linguistics, certification of a working knowledge of a second language if such language is not taught at NMSU.

Option 8:

In the case of a foreign student who is required to take the TOEFL exam admission, the dean will automatically waive the second language requirement.