

# Associate in Arts in English

## Program Overview

Upon completion of this degree, students will have taken a variety of courses within the English discipline. English courses in this program prepare students to be strong readers, writers, researchers, and critical thinkers. Depending on one's educational interests and/or career goals, the program allows for students to choose a pathway that is either more literature-focused or creative writing focused. The program also provides the opportunity for exposure to film studies, pop culture, gender studies, business writing, and mass media writing. The versatility of this program is particularly advantageous to students who wish to thoroughly explore the English discipline prior to transferring to a four-year college.

## To Learn More About This Program

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## Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below. Students, working closely with their advisor, are permitted to substitute the courses in the General Education and MTA Courses section below according to the guidelines on page 35 of this catalog. Each general education course, prerequisite course, internship/practicum, and capstone course must be completed with a final grade of C or better.

## Course Offerings

Students pursuing an Associate in Arts in English may complete select courses for this program online. Courses within this program may also be offered on-site at our Dowagiac or Niles campus.

## General Education and MTA Courses

### COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W	Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits
ENGL 104	Freshman English 3	3 credits

### MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 128 or MATH 150	Contemporary Mathematics or Statistics	4 credits

### NATURAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENST 112	Environmental Science	4 credits
GEOG 110	Physical Geography	4 credits

### SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
HIST 201 or HIST 202	United States History 1 or United States History 2	3 credits
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3 credits

### HUMANITIES

Course ID	Course	Credits
ART 110 or MUSI 110	Art Appreciation or Music Appreciation	3 credits
HUMA 204	Introduction to Film	3 credits

### Major-Specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
ENGL 232	American Literature 2	3 credits
ENGL 261	Creative Writing/Fiction	3 credits
ENGL 263 or ENGL 265	Creative Writing/Poetry or Creative Nonfiction Writing	3 credits
ENGL 282	Survey of British Literature 2	3 credits
SPEE 102 or SPEE 104	Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Intro to Human Communication	3 credits

### Complete at least 12 credits from the list below

Course ID	Course	Credits
BUSI 214	Business Communications	3 credits
COMM 115	Writing for Mass Media	3 credits
ENGL 231	American Literature 1	3 credits
ENGL 235	American Ethnic Literature	3 credits
ENGL 251	Children's Literature	3 credits
HUMA 202	Intro to American Pop Culture	3 credits
HUMA 205	Great American Films	3 credits
HUMA 243	Women's and Gender Studies in the Humanities	3 credits

**Total Program Credits: 58**  
**(Need 60 credits to graduate)**

## Additional Notes About the A.A. in English Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites is listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined meets MTA requirements.
- This program may not provide a student with all 60 credits needed to earn a degree. Students may need to take additional courses to reach 60 total credits.
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before they plan to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

## Example Course Sequence

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

### FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 103W: English test score (Level 2 or higher) ENGL 103: ENGL 115 or English test score (Level 3); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
ENGL 261 Creative Writing/Fiction	3 credits	None
HUMA 204 Introduction to Film	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
MATH 128 Contemporary Mathematics or MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	See Course Description for details

### SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
ART 110 Art Appreciation or MUSI 110 Music Appreciation	3 credits	See Course Description for details
ENGL 104 Freshman English 3	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
ENGL 232 American Literature 2 or ENGL 282 Survey of British Literature 2	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
ENST 112 Environmental Science	4 credits	None
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details

### THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
GEOG 110 Physical Geography	4 credits	None
HIST 201 United States History 1 or HIST 202 United States History 2	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking or SPEE 104 Intro to Human Communication	3 credits	See Course Description for details
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details
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### FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
ENGL 232 American Literature 2 or ENGL 282 Survey of British Literature 2	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
ENGL 263 Creative Writing/Poetry or ENGL 265 Creative Nonfiction Writing	3 credits	None
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details
General or Program Elective (if needed)	3 credits	See Course Description for details