

# General Education

## Guidelines for English Majors

In 2025 CCSU adopted a new General Education program, described below, for all students matriculating in fall 2025 or later. Students matriculating earlier than fall 2025 have the option of switching to the new Gen Ed program if they wish. You can use the “what if” function on your degree evaluation to see if the new program would be better for you. For additional information about the General Education program, go [here](#).

### Essential Skills

#### Written and Oral Communication: 6 credits

- Courses that satisfy this requirement can be found [here](#)
- Includes First Year Composition (3 credits: WRT 105, WRT 110, HON 115, or transfer credit), which is also a prerequisite or corequisite for all English Lit courses
- Other English Department courses that satisfy this requirement: ENG 274, ESL 108, ESL 109, WRT 202, WRT 265, WRT 275, WRT 280
- Transfer credit for WRT 202 satisfies the First Year Composition requirement
- Foreign language classes at the Intermediate level satisfy this requirement

#### World Languages: 0-6 credits

- Students can satisfy the World Languages requirement by:
  - Completing a level-three high school world language course: if you take this route, you must make sure that CCSU has your high school transcripts
  - Passing a CLEP test demonstrating knowledge of a world language equivalent to at least a second-semester college course
  - Demonstrating native proficiency in a language other than English through examination by the Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
  - Successfully completing a second-semester CCSU world language course (numbered 112 or 118). Students with no or limited background in a language may have to take a first-semester course (numbered 111) prior to their second-semester course; you can determine whether you are prepared for a second-semester class by taking a placement test through the Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Three credits of coursework used to satisfy this requirement may also be counted as your General Education Elective.
- Courses that satisfy this requirement can be found [here](#)

#### Thriving in College: 2-3 credits

- This is the university’s First Year Experience requirement, designed to introduce students to academic life

- Courses that satisfy this requirement are: CCSU 102, CCSU 103, or any designated FYE course. FYE courses are usually offered by departments for their majors; the English Department does not offer such a course.
- Students who transfer in 24 or more credits may satisfy this requirement with any General Education course

## **Ways of Understanding**

### **Arts and Humanities: 9 credits**

- Includes one required literature course (3 credits)
- A second English course may be used to satisfy another three credits of the requirement, but the third course used to satisfy the requirement must come from a discipline other than ENG
- All 200-level ENG courses except 270, 274, and 298 satisfy the literature requirement and count in Arts and Humanities generally. ENG 347 also satisfies the requirement.
- Students may double-count up to four courses from their major and/or minor in General Education; most English majors will therefore satisfy the Gen Ed literature requirement and three additional credits of the Arts and Humanities requirement with the 200-level English courses required in the major, leaving just one additional course to take in Arts and Humanities.
- The full list of courses that satisfy the literature requirement can be found [here](#).
- The full list of courses that satisfy the Arts and Humanities requirement can be found [here](#).

### **Social and Behavioral Sciences: 12 credits**

- Includes one required History course; the list of courses satisfying the History requirement can be found [here](#).
- No more than six credits from any one subject area can be used to satisfy this requirement.
- The full list of courses that satisfy this requirement can be found [here](#).
- LING 200 and 230 satisfy this requirement; English majors taking one of them to fulfill the LING requirement in the major may double-count it.

### **Mathematics and Natural Sciences: 9-10 credits**

- Includes a required Mathematics or Statistics course; the list of courses that satisfy the Math/Stat requirement can be found [here](#).
- Includes a required Lab Science course; the list of courses that satisfy the Lab Science requirement can be found [here](#). Note that some of these courses have an integrated lab, and some must be paired with a separate 1-credit lab course to satisfy the requirement. Check individual course descriptions to be sure.
- The remaining three credits needed to satisfy the requirement can be either a Math/Stat course or a Science course from the lists above; if you choose a Science course, it need not have a lab component (though it may if you wish).

## Other Requirements

### General Education Elective: 3 credits

- If you take a course to satisfy the World Languages requirement, it may also be used to fulfill the Gen Ed elective requirement. Otherwise, any course that counts in Gen Ed can be used to fulfill this requirement.
- This could be an additional 200-level ENG course (or ENG 347), but because no more than 8 credits from any one subject area can be double-counted in Gen Ed and the major/minor, students who double-count two ENG courses in Arts and Humanities could not double-count an ENG course used as the Gen Ed elective.

### International Requirement: 6 credits

- The International Requirement may be met with courses used elsewhere in Gen Ed or in the major/minor.
- English majors can but need not fulfill the requirement with courses taken in the major; this would not be subject to the double-counting rules described above.
- ENG courses that satisfy this requirement include: 203, 204, 214, 215, 217, 262, 317, 347, 261, 263, 264, 367, 388, 417, 465, 486, 488. LING 230 also fulfills the requirement.
- The full list of courses that satisfy the requirement can be found [here](#).

### Equity, Justice, and Inclusion Requirement: 3 credits

- The EJI requirement may be fulfilled with a course used elsewhere in Gen Ed or the major/minor.
- English majors can but need not fulfill the requirement with courses taken in the major; this would not be subject to the double-counting rules described above.
- ENG courses that satisfy this requirement include: 207, 209, 212, 218, 219, 345. WRT 280 also fulfills the requirement.
- The full list of courses that satisfy the requirement can be found [here](#).

### Writing in the Disciplines Requirement: 3 credits

- The WID requirement applies to students matriculating in or after fall 2026, and to students who matriculated earlier and opt to switch to the new Gen Ed requirements in or after fall 2026.
- English majors satisfy the WID requirement by taking ENG 398
- The English Department also offers WRT 301, a discipline-based writing course that majors can take as a general elective.