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What can you do with an English major? This course is designed to answer that question from a wide variety of perspectives. Topics include academic choices within the major, minor(s), undergraduate research opportunities, English-related student organizations, study abroad, internships, scholarships, career options and career planning, graduate and professional programs, study abroad and internships. You will begin to plan the direction you want to go with your English major and with your subsequent career through writing projects and attendance at Department and University events.

Textbooks: Amazingly, although this is an English course, TRS should not have issued you any texts for this class. We will have readings, which will be distributed in class and in D2L.

Students with disabilities—If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.

English Teacher Education Majors—Students seeking Teacher Certification in English Language Arts should provide each of their English Department professors with a copy of the yellow "Application for English Department Approval to Student Teach" before the end of the semester. These forms are available in a rack outside the office of Dr. Donna Binns (CH 3851). (We will discuss these forms in class.)

The Student Success Center—Students who are having difficulty achieving their academic goals are encouraged to contact the Student Success Center (<http://www.eiu.edu/~success>) for assistance with time management, test taking, note taking, avoiding procrastination, setting goals, and other skills to support academic achievement. The Student Success Center provides individualized consultations. To make an appointment, call 217-581-6696, or go to 9th Street Hall, Room 1302.

Course Requirements—This course is graded pass/fail. In order to pass, you must do all of the following:

- Complete 12 weekly writings, including your plan for the English major.
- Make 2 short, informal presentations in class.
- Have no more than 1 unexcused absence.
- Attend 1 individual conference with the instructor.
- Pass the final exam with a grade of 75 or better.

In addition, you can receive a certificate of excellence by doing the following:

- Revise one of your weekly writings to submit to the class essay contest.
- Pass the final exam with a grade of 90 or better.

Academic Integrity—Students are expected to maintain principles of academic integrity and conduct as defined in EIU's Code of Conduct (<http://www.eiu.edu/judicial/studentconductcode.php>). Violations will be reported to the Office of Student Standards.

The English Department Statement on Plagiarism—Any teacher who discovers an act of plagiarism—“The appropriation or imitation of the language, ideas, and/or thoughts of another author, and representation of them as one’s own original work” (Random House Dictionary of the English Language)—has the right and responsibility to impose upon the guilty student an appropriate penalty, up to and including immediate assignments of a grade of F for the assigned essay and a grade of F for the course, and to report the incident to the Office of Student Standards. Respect for the work of others should encompass all formats, including print, electronic, and oral sources.

The Electronic Writing Portfolio—Any written project of 750 words or longer (excluding fiction or poetry) written for this class would be suitable for submission to the EWP. Submissions must be made by the last day of finals week at the end of the semester. *Earlier deadlines apply for graduating seniors.*

Schedule - *Guest speakers will be announced as the schedule is finalized.*

M Aug 22	Introductions
M Aug 29	Short writing #1 due (explore faculty, careers)
M Sept 5	Labor Day—no classes
M Sept 12	Short writing #2 due (explore your life goals)
M Sept 19	* Short writing #3 due (explore a literary magazine or <i>Best American</i> collection)
M Sept 26	* Short writing #4 due (explore an example of professional writing)
M Oct 3	* Short writing #5 due (MLAIB exercise)
M Oct 10	* Short writing #6 due (evaluate a career)
M Oct 17	* Short writing #7 due (research English courses for SP17)
M Oct 24	* Short writing #8 due (<i>OED</i> exercise)
M Oct 31	Short writing #9 due (current resume and reflection)
M Nov 7	Short writing #10 due (career planning)
M Nov 14	Short writing #11 due (personal essay based on a previous writing)
Nov 21-25	Thanksgiving break—no class
M Nov 28	Individual conferences with Dr. Vietto this week (no class meeting)
M Dec 5	Short writing #12 due (plan for the English major)
Thursday Dec 15	Final exam, 2:45 -4:45 (those who wish to take the final early will be offered an alternate time)

* Select two of these for the informal presentation.