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## ENG 1105-001: English Major Forum

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# ENGLISH 1105

## English Forum: Or How to Be a Great English Major

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### Course Description

What makes English such a great major? And how can students be empowered to get the most of out their studies and time at EIU?

These are the main questions we will be answering in English Forum this semester as the course acquaints you with practical advice and important information about your home department at EIU.

### Course Goals

The course has several goals:

1. to introduce you to the students and faculty, options of study, and other opportunities in the English Department;
2. to provide you with information you need to get the most out of your time in the English Department;
3. to help you begin career planning, including planning a path through the major.

In order to meet these goals, we will explore:

- resources;
- share our favorite literary/linguistic thinking;
- meet and talk with poets, directors, actors, and professors about different ways to interact with literary texts;
- attend cultural events together (maybe even a play);
- and begin thinking about how to build your electronic portfolio/resume.

### Course Expectations

This is a one-credit designed to assist you in your transition to college life and into the English Department. The most important requirement is that you attend all classes.

I hope to provide an environment where you feel comfortable asking questions and just feeling at home. But in this informal and friendly class—where you concerns are the priority—you will also need to observe the requirements—which I will be reminding you about through D2L.

The main writing requirements (résumé and English Major Narrative) will not be graded, but you will need to work with me to help me better understand your experiences and goals. More on all that later.

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Wed 3-3:50 pm

**Coleman Hall 2290 &  
Coleman Auditorium**

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### Texts & Materials

Important documents will be handed out and made available on D2L.

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**Instructor:** Prof. R. Beebe  
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**Office:** Coleman 3841

**Office Hours:** M 10-12

T 11-1:00

& by appointment

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### Requirements

Attend every class

Earn 10 Points

Complete a Résumé

Draft of Major  
Narrative

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### D2L (Desire to Learn)

Check D2L often for course updates.

## How to Get an Easy A

- Attend each class.
- Earn 10 points. This is easy and maybe even fun. More explanation later.
- Complete Résumé and English Major Narrative

## Course Schedule (tentative)

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| Weeks 1-3 | Introductions to Each Other; Life as an English Major; Photo Op<br>Guest: Dr. Angela Vietto, Dept. Chair   |
| Sept. 12  | Guest: Dr. Angela Vietto. "What Do English Majors Do With a Degree? Glad You Asked."   |
| Sept. 19  | Guest: Jamie Golladay (Graduate Student). Creative Writing at EIU  |
| Sept. 26  | Guest: Dr. Melissa Ames. Teacher Education & Media/Cultural Studies  |
| Oct. 3    | Guest: Dr. Melissa Caldwell. Advising & Undergraduate Studies Coordinator<br>Registering for Courses; Staying on Track to Graduate; Major Narratives |
| Oct. 10   | Guest: Dr. Marjorie Worthington, Dir. Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies   |
| Oct. 17   | Guest: Dr. Robin Murray, Dir. Film Studies Minor   |
| Oct. 24   | Guest: Bobbi Kingery (Director, Career Services)<br>How to get a job/internship. How EIU can help you do this.                                       |
| Oct 31    | Guest: Dr. Terri Fredrick. Coordinator, Professional Writing Internships<br>Professional Writing   |
| Nov. 7    | Graduate School: What is it? Is it for you?  |
| Nov. 14   | TBD  |
| Nov. 28   | Workshop: Major Narratives   |
| Dec. 5    | Course Wrap-Up   |