

Major/Program	English (Professional Writing)
College	Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
Department	Communication and Languages
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Lander University

4-Year Major Guide

	First Semester			Second Semester			TOTALS
	Course	Notes	Hours	Course	Notes	Hours	
First Year	*ENGL 101	Core Academic Skills (General Education)	3	*ENGL 102	Core Academic Skills (General Education)	3	
	*ENGL 114	Humanities and Fine Arts (General Education)	3	*ENGL 199		1	
	Foreign Language	101-level, or elective depending on placement	3	*ENGL 200		2	
	HIST 111R or HIST 112R or POLS 101R	Founding Documents of the United States (General Education)	3	Foreign Language	102-level, or elective depending on placement	3	
	Mathematics	Core Academic Skills (General Education)	3	General Education	Behavioral and Social Perspectives (General Education)	3	
	LINK 101	General Education	1	General Education	Scientific and Mathematical Reasoning (General Education)	3	
	Subtotal		16	Subtotal		15	Yearly Totals
							31

Students in the Professional Writing Emphasis are strongly encouraged to choose a minor and/or take electives in the field in which they would like to write professionally.

	First Semester			Second Semester			TOTALS
	Course	Notes	Hours	Course	Notes	Hours	
Second Year	Additional Elective or Minor		3	Additional Elective or Minor		3	
	Additional Elective or Minor		3	General Education	World Cultures	3	
	General Education	Humanities and Fine Arts (General Education)	3	General Education	Behavioral and Social Perspectives (General Education)	3	
	Laboratory Science	Scientific and Mathematical Reasoning (General Education)	4	General Education	200-level Literature Course - See list below.	3	
	Major Program Additional Requirements	Introductory Writing - See list below.	3	Major Program Additional Requirements		3	
		Subtotal		16	Subtotal		
							31

	First Semester			Second Semester			TOTALS
	Course	Notes	Hours	Course	Notes	Hours	
Third Year	Additional Elective or Minor		3	Additional Elective or Minor		3	
	Additional Elective or Minor		3	Additional Elective or Minor	1-3 hrs.	2	
	Additional Elective or Minor		3	Additional Elective or Minor		3	
	*ENGL 199		1	Major Program Elective	Language Course - See list below.	3	
	Major Program Elective	Literature Course - See list below.	3	Major Program Additional Requirements	Advanced Writing Course - See list below.	3	
	*WRIT 300		3				
	Subtotal		16	Subtotal		14	Yearly Totals
							30

	First Semester			Second Semester			TOTALS
	Course	Notes	Hours	Course	Notes	Hours	
Fourth Year	Additional Elective or Minor		3	Additional Elective or Minor		3	
	Additional Elective or Minor	1-3 hrs.	1	Additional Elective or Minor		3	
	Additional Elective or Minor		3	Additional Elective or Minor	1-3 hrs.	3	
	Major Program Additional Requirements	Advanced Writing Course - See list below.	3	*ENGL 499		3	
	Major Program Additional Requirements	Writing Practica - See list below.	3	Major Program Additional Requirements	Advanced Writing Course - See list below.	3	
		Subtotal		13	Subtotal		
							28

* Students must earn "C" or better.
A grade of "C" or better is required in all courses in the discipline in the major and minor programs

Major Program Requirements:

200-Level Literature Course (3 credit hours): ENGL 201, ENGL 202, ENGL 204, ENGL 205, ENGL 214, ENGL 220, or ENGL 241

Introductory Writing Course (3 credit hours): COM 275, JOUR 201, WRIT 251, or WRIT 276

Advanced Writing Courses (9 credit hours): COM 450, ENGL 351, ENGL 407, ENGL 408, ENGL 409, ENGL 417, JOUR 360, MEDA 311, WRIT 353, WRIT 354, WRIT 364, WRIT 373, WRIT 390, or WRIT 453

Writing Practica (3 credit hours): COM 490, ENGL 290, JOUR 490, WRIT 405, or WRIT 490

Major Program Electives:

Upper-level Literature Course (3 credit hours): ENGL 301, ENGL 303, ENGL 304, ENGL 311, ENGL 312, ENGL 322, ENGL 325, ENGL 326, ENGL 338, ENGL 339, ENGL 401, ENGL 402, ENGL 403, ENGL 406, or ENGL 414

Language Course (3 credit hours): ENGL 344, ENGL 345, ENGL 413, ENGL 445. In addition to the courses just listed, students may choose a 100-level course from a different language than that used to fulfill the Major Program Foreign Language requirement or a 200-level course from the same language: FREN 101, FREN 102, FREN 203, SPAN 101, SPAN 102, SPAN 203, SPAN 204, SPAN 205.

NOTES:

Students are strongly encouraged to choose a minor and/or take electives in the field in which they would like to write professionally.

Total Hours Required:

120

A student must take courses from two different disciplines in the following General Education categories: Behavioral and Social Perspectives; Humanities and Fine Arts; and Scientific and Mathematical Reasoning.