PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEGREE PROGRAMS IN THE
UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2010-2012

NAME OF DEGREE PROGRAM(S): ENGLISH MAJOR

EXPLAIN CHANGE(S) TO DEGREE PROGRAM:
1. Remove Rhetoric and Writing 306 from major requirement, replace with 3 hours of English.
2. Require English 314J, L, or V for existing English elective requirement.
3. Replace “literary period or survey” with a course in literature or language prior to 1630.
4. Replace “literary genre or theme” with a course in literature or language from 1630-1830.
5. Replace “language or writing” with a course in literature or language from 1830-1940.
6. Replace “comparative or interdisciplinary” with a diverse perspectives course.
7. Change title of the E 379S “Senior Seminar” to “Research Seminar”.

Indicate pages in the Undergraduate Catalog where changes will be made.
Pages 321-322 of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010.

GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S):
1. All UT-Austin students complete Rhetoric and Writing 306 as part of the University Core Curriculum. Most English majors earn credit by exam for this course. At one point, Rhetoric and Writing 306 was a Department of English offering, but is now housed in the Department of Rhetoric & Writing. We wish to strengthen our preparation for upper-division work in English by requiring more work in English language and literature.
2. English 314L was a recommended course for English majors, but many students would opt to take another English course for the English elective requirement. English 314J, L, and V have been restructured in order to fully prepare students for later coursework in English, and, thus, should be required.
3-5. The Department collectively decided to increase the emphasis on the historical development of English and American language and literature.
6. As an area, “comparative or interdisciplinary” had become too nebulous as a defining principle. We felt it appropriate to align an English requirement with the University’s Global Cultures and Cultural Diversity in the United States flags.
7. We affirm the need for a seminar based upon research (Independent Inquiry flag), but wish to allow students to complete the course earlier in their academic career. E 379S will be renamed and no longer restricted to students with over 90 hours of coursework.

SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE(S):
Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? If yes, then how?
No
Has the other college(s)/school(s) been informed of the proposed change? If so, please indicate their response.
Person communicated with: n/a
Date of Communication: n/a

Will this proposal change the number of required hours for degree completion? If yes, please explain.
no

Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, please explain.
no

COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS:
(Circle yes or no)
Department: √ Yes No Date: 6/24/2009
College: Yes No Date:
Dean: Yes No Date:

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CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN ENGLISH IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2010-2012

On pages 321-322, under the heading DEGREES, in the MAJORS AND MINORS subsection of the College of Liberal Arts chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010, make the following changes:

English

Major: Thirty-three semester hours of English [and rhetoric and writing], including at least twenty-four semester hours [in three-semester hour] of upper-division [courses] coursework, consisting of [. The upper-division coursework must consist of two electives and one course in each of the following six areas: a single- or dual-author course; a literary period or survey course; a course on a literary genre or theme; a course in either language or writing; a comparative or interdisciplinary course; and a senior seminar.]

1. English 314J, or 314L, or 314V;
2. English 316K;
3. an upper-division course in literature or language prior to 1630;
4. an upper-division course in literature or language from 1630 to 1830;
5. an upper-division course in literature or language from 1830 to 1940;
6. an upper-division diverse perspectives course;
7. an upper-division single- or dual-author course;
8. an upper-division research seminar; and
9. nine additional semester hours of coursework in English, including at least six semester hours of upper-division coursework.


The student must make a grade of at least [C] C- in each course [in English and rhetoric and writing taken at the University and] counted toward fulfillment of the major requirement. A minimum grade point average of 2.00 in courses taken at the University and counted toward the major is also required.

Students are discouraged from taking more than six hours of coursework in English in a semester. No student may take more than nine hours of coursework in English in a semester.