



The State University  
of New York

## Transfer Path

Discipline: English

SUNY transfer paths outline the knowledge and skills that are essential for students to complete during their first two years of study for a major in a given discipline. The coursework described below will meet degree requirements at all SUNY campuses offering majors in the above discipline. If you complete this coursework successfully, you will be well-positioned to finish your degree with an additional two years of study at your SUNY transfer college.

Use this transfer path to discover both courses related to your major and general education requirements that will prepare you for transfer. Click on each course to view a course description. Then, to map your first two years of courses, visit [Planning Your Coursework](#).

### Lower-Division Major Requirements

The courses below are specifically related to your field of study and are part of the requirements for graduation in your major:

- [Composition I](#)
- [Composition II](#) (or equivalent writing course)

Choose at least one and maximum of five additional courses from these areas:

- [Conventions of the Discipline](#)
- [Literature and Identity](#)
- [Major Genres and Author Courses](#)
- [Survey and Period Courses](#)
- [Writing as Craft\\*](#)

### Advising Notes

The ideal preparation for the English major is familiarity with a broad range of ethnic and national literatures, literary periods and genres, and modes of writing. It is recommended, therefore, that students take as many courses as possible in different areas of literary study and writing.

Based on your specific focus and the receiving campus, you may wish to pick one category over another as some campuses may emphasize one category more than others. It is essential to consult your academic advisor when planning your academic program.

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\*You may also wish to take courses in the Writing as Craft category, such as Creative Writing, Writing Fiction, Advanced Prose, Journalism, and other writing-process focused areas. However, please note that many SUNY campuses may accept these courses as elective only.

There may be additional courses in your major which would transfer, or courses which could be substituted for one of the above. These may be established on a case by case basis. Please see an advisor at your transfer campus to explore those options.

## General Education Requirements

General Education courses are related to key academic disciplines and may be outside your field of study. To earn a SUNY AA/AS or bachelor's degree, you must earn 30 credits in at least seven of the following ten skill areas, and demonstrate two competencies.

### Skill Areas:

- Basic Communication (required)
- Mathematics (required)
- American History
- Other World Civilizations
- Foreign Language
- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- The Arts
- Natural Sciences
- Western Civilization

### Competencies:

- Critical Thinking (required)
- Information Management (required)

General Education requirements vary by campus and by major. However, if you satisfy the SUNY General Education Requirement (SUNY-GER) area at one campus with a grade of C or higher, you will have met that SUNY-GER area at every other SUNY campus. Visit [Campus Requirements](#) to determine the skill areas required by each campus and the courses available within those areas.

*Note: The lower division major requirements outlined in this document will be implemented for SUNY students entering **Fall, 2015**. Check with your campus advisor for more information regarding current requirements.*

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