FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the ONE CLASS I need to take to declare the English major?
A. You may enroll in ANY ENGL 2500-level course (except ENGL 2559) to declare the major.

What happened to the ENLTs?
A. ALL ENLTs are now ENGL 2500s, the new number for the introductory seminars in literature.

What if I have never taken an ENGL 2500? Can I still declare?
A. Yes! If you have completed ANY TWO UPPER DIVISION CLASSES (ENGL 3000 or 4000 level courses) with a B or better you may still declare the major.

What happened to ENGL 3810 and ENGL 3820?
A. Nothing! They're exactly the same but with new numbers. ENGL 3810 is now ENGL 3001. ENGL 3820 is now ENGL 3002.

How many classes do I need to complete the major?
A. 10 classes for 30 credits.

What courses count as electives?
A. Any 3000 or 4000 level ENGL, ENCW, and ENWR courses may count as electives.

Do Creative Writing (ENCW) and Writing (ENWR) courses count for the English major?
A. Yes, upper level Creative Writing and Writing courses can be taken as major electives.

What are the main requirements for the major?
A. The standard English major requires the following courses:
   - ENGL 25XX (BUT NOT ENGL 2559)
   - ENGL 3001 (in the Fall)
   - ENGL 3002 (in the Spring)
   - A course in Literature from before 1700 (ENGL 31xx, 32xx, 351x, 352x, 41xx, 42xx, 451x, 452x)
   - A course in literature from 1700-1900 (ENGL 33xx, 34xx, 353x, 354x, 43xx, 44xx, 453x, 454x)
   - Any ENGL 4000-level seminar
   - PLUS FOUR ELECTIVES (ENCW, ENGL, and ENWR 3000 or 4000 level courses)
UNDERSTANDING THE NEW ENGLISH COURSE NUMBERS

TIME PERIODS: LOOK AT THE SECOND DIGIT

0 = SURVEY/MISC (ENGL) 2000, 3001 & 3002 4000, 5000
1 = MEDIEVAL (ENMD) 2100, 3100, 4100, 5100
2 = RENAISSANCE (ENRN) 2200, 3200, 4200, 5200
3 = EIGHTEENTH CENTURY (ENEC) 2300, 3300, 4300, 5300
4 = NINETEENTH CENTURY (ENNC) 2400, 3400, 4400, 5400
5 = VARIABLE TOPIC* (ENLT; ENSP; MLC etc.) 2555; 3500; 4500; 5559
6 = MODERN/CONTEMPORARY (ENMC) 2600, 3600, 4600, 5600
7 = AMERICAN LITERATURE (ENAM) 2700, 3700, 4700, 5700
8 = CRITICISM/THEORY (ENCR) 2800, 3800, 4800, 5800
9 = OTHER (ENGL) 2900, 3900, 4900, 5900

GENRES: LOOK AT THE THIRD DIGIT

6 = POETRY (e.g. Victorian Poetry = 3460)
7 = DRAMA (e.g. Modern Drama I = 3671)
8 = PROSE (e.g. American Short Novel = 3783)
9 = OTHER (e.g. MLC Independent Study = 4994)

* For variable topic courses (x5xx), the third digit indicates the time period.
  (e.g. ENGL 3530 “Studies in Eighteenth-Century Literature”)