Student Success Map
B.A. in English
Department of English

Essentials for Every Semester
- Meet with your major advisor and consult Advisers in SSC 220 as needed for course selection strategies. Take courses in the proper sequence.
- Meet deadlines to register, pay fees, and apply for financial aid.
- Review your DPP: Are you on-track to meet requirements?
- Complete a sufficient number of units each term (15–16 units) to graduate in four years. Some programs require more.
- Visit the Career Center to learn about career opportunities and résumé building. Attend a career fair on campus, regularly scheduled early in fall semesters and several times during spring semesters.
- Check your Student Center prior to registration for registration holds and updating your personal info.
- Check your Student Center in the first two weeks of classes to confirm your class schedule and that all adds and drops have been processed as you expected.
- Check your Student Center after each semester for your grades and academic standing. If your GPA drops below a 2.0, consult an Advisor.

Freshman
Learn where to find and how to use campus resources such as the Student Learning Center, Health Center, Academic Advising, Wellness Center and your faculty advisor.
- Visit each of your instructors during their office hours. Make a point to get to know your professors.
- Take English 301, “Academic Writing.”
- Obtain your Major Academic Plan (MAP) for course rotation schedule. Start planning how to navigate your four years, especially if you are choosing the English Education option.
- Sign up for a CAVE program to gain some experience in community service.
- Join Sigma Tau Delta/English Honors Society, volunteer at various student activities, like Writer’s Voice and Write On!
- Read the Book in Common (BIC) and participate in BIC activities.
- Study a foreign language and foreign literature in English translation.
- Select courses in GE that meet the diversity requirements (US Diversity and Global cultures).
- Start developing your résumé and portfolio—seek advice from your major advisors.
- Consider a time management workshop in the Student Learning Center.
- Use the Career Center to assess your interests, skills, and work values.

Sophomore
Know how to use your Degree Progress Report (DPP) in your Student Center. Go to Academic Advising for GE requirements and your major advisor for program-specific issues.
- Start taking the core requirements for the major.
- Complete your GE Foundation courses. Explore GE Pathways. Consider completing an interdisciplinary minor within your GE. Consult an advisor for help.
- Increase your involvement within the department—attend Write On!, EGSC Symposium, and other activities. Staying active is a key component of success!
- Attend the International Forum lectures. Explore Study Abroad opportunities. Attend an info meeting they offer every semester. Or consider National Student Exchange.
- Seek information and advice from faculty and advisors about the options in future employment. Attend workshops and sessions on career development on and off campus.
- Visit the Career Center to learn about career opportunities and résumé building. Attend a career fair on campus, regularly scheduled early in fall semesters and several times during spring semesters.

Junior
Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.
- Seek advice from your major advisors about your selection of elective courses.
- Begin your Upper Division GE Pathway and your Upper Division Option courses. Consider if you will be declaring a minor in English, Creative Writing, or Linguistics, or a certificate for TESOL and get that paperwork in process. Take English 431 for tutorial experience.
- Explore various opportunities and get involved in activities and projects, such as the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, or Watershed, Writer’s Voice and Write On!
- Apply for service programs relevant to your intended career. Seek a chance to do a writing or research project with a faculty member by applying for the Undergraduate Research and Creativity Award on campus.
- Consider employment or internship with international companies or seek an opportunity to travel abroad after graduation.

Senior
Confirm graduation progress with your major advisor and an Evaluator.
- Finish all major requirements, minor requirements, and any extraneous courses. Consider writing the English Honors Thesis if you are eligible.
- Work as a mentor for English 30, Writing Workshop, or as a tutor at the Student Learning Center. Get involved in the editing and production of Watershed. Try out your research papers at professional conferences.
- Seek advice on advanced graduate studies and job hunting. Network with recent graduates and other alumni as you plan your next steps into the job market.

Graduation and Beyond
Private Sector
- Marketing/Advertising
- Publishing
- Public Relations
- Freelancer

Government
- Public Administration
- Program Manager/Analyst

Non-Profits
- Teaching English Abroad
- Advocacy/Charity
- Education

Other Careers
- Business School
- Librarianship
- Law School
- Politics

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