

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED	Year One FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS	Year Two FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS	Year Three FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS	Year Four FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS
<p>128 credits + 4 Short Terms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take a First-Year Seminar in English and/or a 100-level course in literature and/or an intro course in creative writing.</li> <li>Take a literature or creative writing-focused January course. Develop your own program of reading; dig deeper into authors from your classwork who interest you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take 200-level British and American literatures courses and special topics courses to expand your knowledge of literary movements.</li> <li>Take intermediate creative writing if you wish. Further hone your skills in fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction.</li> <li>Declare the creative writing major or English major (and a concentration if you wish); connect with a faculty advisor in the department.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enroll in an Advanced Seminar in Creative Writing and write your dreams.</li> <li>Deepen your background in literature with courses like Shakespeare's Women, Arab American Literature, Black Aesthetic Movement, and Cross-Genre and Experimental Writing.</li> <li>Consider which capstone experience in the major is right for you (writing a senior honors thesis, taking a 400-level class in research or creative writing).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finish courses for the major and your concentration. Pursue an honors thesis or a capstone course.</li> <li>Take a class of your choice, learning more about the history of the English language, speculative fiction, early American literature, cross-genre writing, African American literature, the Beat Generation, holocaust literature, medieval literature, Shakespeare, Milton, or film.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BE INVOLVED AND JOIN DIVERSE COMMUNITIES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend guest lectures and events.</li> <li>Attend the English or creative writing major meeting at the start of the year.</li> <li>Attend the Hollins Student Conference (SPARC).</li> <li>Attend the department's reading and lecture series, the Literary Festival, and related craft sessions on campus to hear contemporary authors and scholars of note.</li> <li>Attend the Academic Fair.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend student readings.</li> <li>Connect with juniors and seniors and other English and creative writing students at the meeting for new majors.</li> <li>Attend the department's visiting writers events and lecture series.</li> <li>Search out literary events in the greater Roanoke area.</li> <li>Volunteer in the Roanoke community with Hollins groups.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start an informal writing workshop with your peers.</li> <li>Attend the department's reading and lecture series.</li> <li>Meet and mentor new majors at the annual fall meeting.</li> <li>Volunteer (with organizations like Blue Ridge Literacy, West End Center, Community School, and others).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mentor a new student.</li> <li>Attend the reading and lecture series, the Literary Festival, and related craft sessions on campus.</li> <li>Meet and mentor new majors at the annual fall meeting.</li> <li>Be a senior mentor to first-year and other students.</li> <li>If qualified, join the English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta.</li> </ul>
<p><b>EXPAND YOUR INTERCULTURAL AND GLOBAL HORIZONS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend Cultural &amp; Community Engagement and Office of Inclusivity and Diversity events.</li> <li>Meet with International Programs to discuss abroad possibilities.</li> <li>Take classes in global literatures and study a foreign language.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply to study abroad (Jamaica, Short Term, semester) or study away.</li> <li>Take a Sustained Dialogue class.</li> <li>Participate in the Diversity Monologue Troupe.</li> <li>Decide if HAL (Hollins Abroad-London) or another abroad program is right for you (HAL courses in literature count toward the English major).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in a COIL project.</li> <li>Consider an international internship.</li> <li>Study abroad for a semester if you wish.</li> <li>Expand your foreign language competency if you wish to study English in graduate school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply for Fulbright, Rhodes, Marshall, Gates Cambridge, or other international scholarships.</li> <li>Apply for Peace Corps, student Fulbright, or to teach English abroad.</li> <li>Consider graduate school abroad.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GAIN RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend C3; connect with alumnae mentors in careers you want to explore.</li> <li>Take a leadership course or consider a leadership certificate.</li> <li>Apply for a first-year J-Term internship.</li> <li>Become a reader for one of the student-edited literary magazines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend Career Center workshops</li> <li>Refine your résumé; apply for a Signature Internship in January or during the summer.</li> <li>Serve as a reader for one of the student edited journals or the Nancy Thorp national contest for high school poets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check out Hollins partnerships with graduate schools.</li> <li>Consider becoming an editor for a campus publication.</li> <li>Present a paper or creative project at the Hollins Student Conference.</li> <li>Attend the graduate school info session on MFA programs in creative writing and academic programs in literature.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare for graduate school admission and tests (LSAT, GRE).</li> <li>Attend the Alumnae Board's pre-professional networking events.</li> <li>Serve as editorial staff for one of the student-edited literary magazines.</li> <li>Present your honors thesis—research or creative writing—to the community.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ADD TOOLS TO YOUR LIFE BELT</b></p>	<p><i>Develop a self-care mindset: Consider your nutrition, engage in exercise, practice mindfulness, connect with others, develop time management skills</i></p>	<p><i>Hone your self-care mindset: Consider your nutrition, engage in exercise, practice mindfulness, connect with others, embrace financial literacy</i></p>	<p><i>Expand your self-care mindset: Consider your nutrition, engage in exercise, practice mindfulness, connect with others, embrace financial literacy</i></p>	<p><i>Embrace your self-care mindset: Consider your nutrition, engage in exercise, practice mindfulness, connect with others, embrace financial literacy</i></p>