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English and Creative Writing

Accelerated English Minor (English 4 More) for TMU DC English Students

Pathway Description:

A degree in English and Creative Writing provides Thomas More University graduates with job market versatility, knowledge of verbal and written expression, and an edge in a culture defined by fast-paced exchanges of information. The skills cultivated by English majors remain in top demand by employers across the U.S.

In addition to offering the major, the English and Creative Writing Department **offers an accelerated minor** that pairs well with majors from any discipline and provides an edge in the competitive career market. To provide students with the utmost flexibility, this pathway requires students first complete ENG 150 and ENG 250 (when offered as **dual-credit** courses at our partner high schools). Next, students take any 4 English/Creative Writing classes offered at TMU and complete 1 extracurricular enhancement option.

By completing this pathway, students can take one less course to earn a minor in English at TMU.

Pathway Courses (to be taken in order):

Note: Students must take the two courses below from TMU Dual Credit to qualify. Alternatively, students earning credit for ENG 150 through the AP English Language and Composition exam (Score 3+) can qualify, provided they take the ENG 250 course.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>
ENG 150	Literature, Writing, and Research
ENG 250	Great Books of Our Times

Pathway Course Descriptions:

- **ENG 150 – Literature, Writing and Research**
 - *Note:*
 - *This course does not count towards the 36 credits required in the major or the 18 credits in the minor.*
 - *This course may be offered at high schools with a credentialed high school teacher.*
 - *This course can fulfill the Composition core requirement at Thomas More.*
 - Prerequisite: None
 - Description: A reading and writing intensive course topical in nature, with multiple topics offered each semester. The course invites students to explore literature as a meaningful and complex expression of human experience. Students will learn to identify



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literary strategies and to articulate critical issues raised by texts. An integral component of the course will be a research essay incorporating MLA format.

- **ENG 250 – Great Books of Our Times**
 - *Note:*
 - *This course may be offered at high schools with a credentialed high school teacher.*
 - *This course can fulfill the English/Literature core requirement at Thomas More.*
 - Prerequisite: ENG 150
 - Description: This course provides a more singular experience for students who have just completed ENG 150 by 1) providing a study of “Great Books” of our times to explore literature as a meaningful and complex expressions of the human experience and 2) build upon critical thinking, research and writing skills.

Next Steps to Earn Your Minor:

After completion of ENG 150 and ENG 250 in our partner high schools, students are eligible for the English/Creative Writing 4+ Minor when enrolling at TMU.

Step 1: Complete four additional English and Creative Writing Courses. Students may choose four from:

- ENG 240, 295, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 395, 401CW, and/or 495.

Step 2: Choose one of the following “plus” programs to round out your minor and to gain real world experience utilizing your skills as a minor.

- Attend any 3 departmental programs sponsored at TMU (i.e. Thomas More Tuesdays, Pizza with a Poet, Words Celebration, the Caden Blincoe Outloud Festival)
- Sign up for a mentorship position by serving on the annual Words publication or by serving as an active member of the English Club
- Become a departmental “work study”—a position that could be filled by either working in the TMU Writing Center or working in partnership with English and Creative Writing faculty to support their work as teachers and leaders. (This is a paid position/role.)

Courses Completed:

Students should list the courses completed below:

Course:	Semester Completed:

Students should list the “plus” program completed/attended below:



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Certifications Earned:

- Minor in English at TMU

Additional Notes:

- Students who have taken the AP English Language and Composition exam will earn credit for ENG 150 and an elective English with a score of 3 or higher.

Links:

- Program website: <https://www.thomasmore.edu/program/english-creativewriting/>