

WRITING SEMINARS, BACHELOR OF ARTS

Writing Seminars Major Requirements

(Also see Requirements for a Bachelor's Degree (<https://e-catalogue.jhu.edu/ksas-wse/undergraduate-policies/academic-policies/requirements-bachelors-degree/>))

AS.220.105 Introduction to Fiction & Poetry I or AS.220.108 Introduction to Fiction & Nonfiction and AS.220.106 Introduction to Fiction & Poetry II are courses required for all majors and others who want to take advanced courses in writing seminars. They serve as pre-requisite courses to all other courses offered by the department. Students must take a minimum of 15 credits at the 300-level or higher towards the Writing Seminars major; these fifteen credits can come from any combination of Writing Seminars courses and courses towards the outside requirements (literature, history, philosophy). Majors must receive a grade of C- or better in all courses required for the major and no major requirements may be taken satisfactory/unsatisfactory.

Students who matriculated before 2023 have a requirement of four literature courses, up to two of which can be Readings classes taken within the Writing Seminars. The current literature requirements - two literature courses outside the department and two Readings classes within the department - apply to students matriculating in 2023 and after.

Writing and Communication in the Major

Students must complete at least 6 credits of Writing and Communication foundational ability coursework in one major. For this major, students can fulfill this requirement by completing 220.105 and 220.106, each of which is a required 3 credit courses for the major.

Code	Title	Credits
AS.220.105	Introduction to Fiction & Poetry I	3
or AS.220.108	Introduction to Fiction & Nonfiction	
AS.220.106	Introduction to Fiction & Poetry II	3
Two courses in literature ¹		6
Two courses in the Department of Philosophy. It is recommended that one of these classes be an introductory-level class.		6
Two courses in the Department of History. May include courses from History of Art or from History of Science and Technology.		6
AS.220.200	The Craft of Fiction	3
AS.220.201	The Craft of Poetry	3
Two Readings courses.		6
One additional course of fiction at the 300-400 level.		3
One additional course of poetry at the 300-400 level.		3
AS.220.400	Advanced Poetry Workshop	3
or AS.220.401	Advanced Fiction Workshop	
Three elective courses at the 200-400 level within the department (AS.220.2xx-4xx) ²		9
Either foreign language proficiency through the second semester of the intermediate level OR basic knowledge of a foreign language through the second semester of the introductory level AND two courses on literature in translation. ³⁻⁴		0-14
Total Credits		54-68

- ¹ Two classes of literature at the 100-400 level, in the Department of English (060) or cross-listed in English (with the exception of Expository Writing). Courses in literature offered in departments other than English, whether in the original language or in translation, also fulfill this requirement when the department is numbered AS.212-216 (German and Romance Languages and Literatures) and AS.300 (Contemporary Thought and Literature).
- ² Three additional elective courses. Any Writing Seminars course numbered above "The Craft of Fiction" (220.200) or "The Craft of Poetry" (220.201) may be used to fulfill this requirement. Courses cross-listed with The Writing Seminars may count here with approval from the DUS; approval is given for courses with a strong creative writing component (e.g., 061.205, Introduction to Screenwriting).
- ³ Languages automatically accepted towards this requirement include American Sign Language, Ancient Greek, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Yiddish. Students with language proficiency in one of these languages or other languages may obtain waivers for this requirement. The Office of Academic Advising website has information on the waiver process, or you may speak to the DUS for assistance.
- ⁴ Any course that exclusively studies literature originally written in a language other than English can count towards this requirement. A course on literature in translation may count towards the literature requirement or the language requirement for the Writing Seminars major but may not double count. Any Writing Seminars Readings class focusing exclusively on work in translation may count towards the language requirement or the readings classes requirement but may not double count.

Sample Program of Study

First Year

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
AS.220.105	3	AS.220.106	3
History course #1	3	English literature course #1	3
First year foreign language	4	First year foreign language	4
10		10	

Second Year

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
AS.220.201 or 200	3	AS.220.200 or 201	3
Philosophy course #1	3	Course with POS-Tag WRIT-FICT at the 200-400 level	3
Second year foreign language	3	English literature #2	3
		Second year foreign language	3
		9	12

Third Year

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
Course with POS-Tag WRIT-POET at the 200-400 level	3	Writing Seminars elective course	3
Readings course #1	3	Readings course #2	3
History course #2	3	Philosophy course #2	3
		9	9

Fourth Year

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
Advanced Fiction or Poetry Workshop		3 Writing Seminars elective course	3
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	6		3

Total Credits 68

Honors

A GPA of 3.5 or better in all major requirements is required to earn honors in the major.