

COURSE PLANNING FAQ'S

Requirements Key Code:

Major Requirements:

LH1 Literary History I
LH2 Literary History II
LD Literatures of Difference
TH Theory

Concentration Requirements:

AL American Literature
BL British Literature
RE Race & Ethnicity
TLF Theory & Literary Forms
CW Creative Writing

Honors:

RO Research Option
RS Research Seminar

Can a course apply to more than one Major/Concentration requirement?

- a. **Major Requirements:** One course can be applied to two, but ***no more than two Major Requirements.***
- b. **Concentration Requirements:** The same course can also apply to the Concentration you have chosen if it so indicates.

Can I complete more than one Concentration on the Major Certification?

Yes. Although you are encouraged to choose a Concentration at the time you declare the major, you are not required to do so AND you are allowed to change Concentrations at any time. If you find that you either cannot decide on a Concentration or are unable to fulfill the one you have chosen and wish to change, you are allowed to do so. Therefore, in these cases, you may find it necessary to complete more than one of the Concentrations.

What if I think that a course I have taken should apply to a requirement but it isn't listed on the Major Certification Form?

1. **English courses:** Faculty instructors determine which requirements their courses fulfill, so although there may be a few mistakes when submitting these to the Registrar's Office for input into the Major Certification Form, what shows as fulfilling a requirement is accurate. If you question this, please discuss with your advisor before submitting an override request.
2. **Wesleyan courses outside the department:** A non-English hosted course would normally be cross-listed if it applies to an English requirement and therefore show up as an English course on the Major Certification Form. The exception is the departmental rule for Electives where **one outside course can count with advisor approval**. However, if you feel a course should count towards a requirement you can always submit an override request and discuss with your advisor.
3. **Study Abroad Credit:** The usual rules for transfer of Study Abroad Credits apply here. Up to 3 credits can apply towards the major in general (5 for Wesleyan/Sussex Program) and possibly Concentration Requirements, **but not toward the Major Requirements unless courses were taken through the Wesleyan/Sussex Exchange program**. Students should request an override where applicable.
4. **ENGL 203--American Literature from the Colonial Period to the Civil War:** Many students have asked why this course does not count towards the **Literary History II** requirement since it does cover that time period. This course is a survey and in fact only a very small percentage of the course covers that time period and therefore it cannot count.

If a course counts for the Theory & Literary Forms concentration, shouldn't it also count for the Theory major requirement?

No. These are two distinct categories, although it is confusing because of the similar titles. **However in most cases the reverse does hold true.** If a course fulfills the Theory requirement it will more than likely contribute to the TLF concentration. If you see a course that does not, it may be an older course that was taught before the Concentration requirements were instituted and an override request should be submitted.

Course Credits vs. Number of Courses taken:

The online Major Certification form indicates that a minimum of **10 courses** are required to fulfill the English Major. In fact, the department requires **10 course credits**. Most of the time these figures will be the same since all Wesleyan English courses count for one credit. However some study abroad courses count for more than one credit **especially those taken through the Wesleyan/Sussex program**. **In such cases a student may very well take fewer than 10 courses and still fulfill the major requirements. As long as your advisor and the department chair make final approvals in this situation, it will not pose a problem for you in terms of graduation.**