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Distinguishing LS English Requirements

IUP's Liberal Studies curriculum is designed to develop students' intellectual skills and to deepen their understanding of the world around them. Three required English courses, two in composition and one in literature— plus a prerequisite course for those who place into it— help to meet these goals.

English 100 (Basic Writing) is a prerequisite for students whose portfolio or placement test *indicates a need for additional support* as they develop their skills as writers. Students should take English 100 in their first semester. Students enrolled in English 100 receive an email prior to the first week of the semester inviting them to schedule a re-test if they are dissatisfied with their placement. English 100 counts as a Liberal Studies elective, but it does not fulfill the writing skills requirement for Liberal Studies. However, students who successfully complete English 100 may apply for exemption from the requirement to take English 101.

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English 101 and 202 (Composition 1 and 2) are required of all students. English 101 should be taken in a student's first year and English 202 in the second. While English 101 is designed to deepen students' abilities to write in response to a variety of rhetorical situations, English 202 is more focused on research-based writing. It is important for students to take 202 in their sophomore year when it is most relevant to the work in their majors.

English 121 (Humanities Literature) fulfills the literature requirement in the Humanities category of the Liberal Studies curriculum. Students usually take this course in their second or third semester at IUP. English majors should take English 122 (Introduction to English Studies) in place of 121.



The undergraduate catalog provides descriptions of these different courses for students and your own reference. Find the undergraduate catalog here:

https://www.iup.edu/registrar/catalog/

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