FAQ
For English Majors and Advisors

IF I TAKE EN 220, WILL IT SATISFY THE WR 150 REQUIREMENT?

YES. EN 220 automatically satisfies the requirement for WR 150.

DOES WR 150 SATISFY THE EN 220 REQUIREMENT?

Generally not. If the WR 150 section was taught by a professor from the English Department in a way that met the goals of EN 220, the student can petition to have the course satisfy the EN 220 requirement. Petition forms are held by Alec Barnes on the 4th floor of the English dept. building at 236 Bay State Rd. We are in the process of making them available in pdf. form on the department website so you might want to check there as well (http://www.bu.edu/english/undergraduate/major/). If you would like to discuss this question before petitioning, please contact Professor Brown, Director of Undergraduate Studies, at jpbrown@bu.edu.

I'D LIKE TO TAKE A 5th COURSE. WILL I HAVE TO PAY MORE?

If you are a senior you can take a 5th course at no extra cost. Otherwise, you need a 3.3 GPA to qualify to take an extra course without paying more, and you also need to fill out a waiver form in CAS 105 to receive approval.

If you are not a senior and if your GPA is below 3.3, you can still take a 5th course and get credit for it, but you will have to pay more.

HOW DO I GET CREDIT IN THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT FOR COURSES TAKEN IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS AT BU?

You need to petition. The petition forms for this purpose are held by Alec Barnes on the 4th floor of the English dept. building at 236 Bay State Rd. and are also available in pdf. form on the department website at http://www.bu.edu/english/undergraduate/major/.

HOW DO I GET CREDIT FOR ENGLISH COURSES TAKEN AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES?

Look for courses that match our courses and keep a copy of the catalogue course description AND the syllabus. You will need both when you petition for credit. The petition form, known as the “Transfer Credit Equivalency Form”, is available in the advising office in CAS 105. You need to go to that office to pick it up—it is not available online.
HOW DO I GET CREDIT FOR ENGLISH COURSES TAKEN ON THE BU LONDON PROGRAM?

You will receive automatic elective credit for any English course taken at the 300-level or above in London. Please note: at present, no course in the London program fulfills the “Concepts and Methods” requirement. The department is now in the process of determining if the upper-level Shakespeare course offered in London can satisfy the pre-1800 requirement. To keep track of these deliberations, contact Professor Brown at jpbrown@bu.edu.

WHAT ABOUT INTERNSHIPS—HERE AND ABROAD? HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT THEM? CAN I RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THEM?

If you’re interested in finding an internship in publishing in the Boston area contact Professor Julia Brown at jpbrown@bu.edu. You should also check out Career Services, 19 Deerfield St (at Kenmore Square).

You can receive credit for a publishing internship in Boston only if you do the internship in a Directed Study course. So you’ll need to find a professor willing to work out a syllabus with you (one that would involve both reading and writing.) Otherwise, CAS does not allow credit for internships except on the BU abroad programs. The London program, for example, offers supervised internships.

I WANT TO APPLY TO GRADUATE SCHOOL IN ENGLISH. WHO SHOULD I SPEAK TO?

Discuss this with the professor(s) with whom you are closest and also with your advisor.

I’M CONSIDERING PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL. IS THERE SOMEONE I CAN TALK TO?

Begin by discussing this with your advisor. Also, bear in mind that the Pre-professional Office in CAS B-2 offers counseling to pre-law, pre-med, pre-dental, and pre-veterinarian students.

DO THE HUMANITIES COURSES IN CORE FULFILL THE HU 221 REQUIREMENT?

Yes, CC101 and CC102 count for HU 221.

DO THE HUMANITIES COURSES IN CGS FULFILL THE HU 221 REQUIREMENT?

No, the Humanities courses in CGS are designed in a different way and do not fulfill the HU 221 requirement.
WHAT ABOUT GENERAL CAS REQUIREMENTS, ESPECIALLY THE COMPLICATED MATH REQUIREMENT?

For questions about CAS requirements call the Advising Office in CAS 105 at 617-353-2400. The email address is cas105@bu.edu. Re. the math requirement, you need to fill a “Math Proficiency” requirement and can do so in two ways: (1) get an SAT Math score of 580 or higher, or (2) take a lower level Math course at BU. If your SAT score exempts you from the “Math Proficiency” requirement, you still need to take two courses in the category of Math/Computer Science. But since you’ve met the proficiency requirement, you can (if you like) take two Computer Science requirements (unless you are using CORE to fulfill your requirements).