

EN499 CW Senior Project Information

What is the EN499 Senior Project course requirement?

All English Majors are required to complete one EN499: Senior Project with limited exceptions (see Waivers).

Eligibility: You must be a declared English Major.
For Minors: see the EN490 Capstone

Availability: EN499s are limited by the number of faculty available. Seniors will be given priority followed by Juniors entering their second semester.

Advisors: Seniors will be assigned EN499 advisors in Block 8 after submitting the EN499 CW Thesis proposal.

Block Options: All faculty teaching an EN499 will be advising Senior Projects throughout the year. With few exceptions, you do not need to enroll in the block your advisor is teaching an EN499

The EN499 block is not currently available during half-block or as an adjunct.

EN499 CW Thesis Options

Your project must fall under one of these designations:

EN499: Senior Project Thesis Writing
EN499: Senior Project Thesis Revision

Waivers

The EN499 Requirement can be waived when:

- a student on the creative writing track has a thesis or capstone project in a minor or second major that engages heavily with their work in the Senior Seminar. The student must have taken a thesis or capstone block in that minor or second major and provide a clear description of how it engages or informs their thesis.
- a student has taken an EN499 Independent Study

In both cases, the thesis grade will be entered as the EN481 grade.

EN499 Project Options

Please see the proposal form for more information

Independent Course Study

*Faculty Advisor approval needed

Students may suggest a course of literary study currently unavailable in the student's third and senior year. The Independent Course Study schedule and assignments are determined by the student with the approval of an advisor. Please contact possible advisors previous to your proposal to discuss availability for the following year. Note: The EN499 Independent Study Course does not take the place of a Senior thesis/project. It also cannot be used for additional requirements in the Major with few exceptions.

Independent Thesis Drafting

This is a self-directed block dedicated to building a writing and research routine while developing writing skills towards a specific project. Pairing faculty with expertise in the research area will rely heavily upon availability.

Prerequisites: EN307, EN308, or EN309

Thesis Revising

*Students will be paired with faculty that best suit the needs of the project.

Unlike the EN499 Independent Thesis Drafting block, this block focuses on the revision of a developed thesis. Theses are due at the end of Block 7 and the thesis revising block is not available in Block 8 for Spring graduates.

Requirements: For Creative Writing projects, the EN499 cannot be completed before the Senior Seminar and therefore, this option is only for students who have taken the Senior Seminar in Fall.

Senior Project Pathways for CW Senior Thesis

SUGGESTED: Advanced Genre in Junior Year

Junior Year: Fall / Spring Advanced Genre writing course

Junior Year: Block 6 & 7 Apply for Venture Grant & CC Awards in Writing

EN499 Thesis Drafting: Can be taken in Junior Year after the Advanced Genre course or in Fall/Spring of Senior year if taken before Senior Seminar

Senior Seminar: Blocks 3&4 or Blocks 6&7

EN499 Thesis Revising: Available in blocks 5, 6, or 7 if the Senior Seminar is completed in blocks 3&4.

Senior Year: Block 7 Thesis due end of block

*Students can opt for either EN499s above. Or work on their thesis outside of the block and take an EN499 Independent Course Study (or possible waiver).

*Students can take Advanced Genre again in their senior year (and with COI, in a second genre).

Students can also take the Advanced Genre course in their Senior Year as follows:

Advanced Poetry or CNF:	Fall (any block): Block 5: Blocks 6&7:	EN499 Thesis Writing EN308 or EN307 Senior Seminar
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Advanced Fiction in Fall options:	Advanced Fiction: Senior Seminar: EN499 Revising:	Block 2 Blocks 3&4 Blocks 5, 6, or 7
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Advanced Fiction: EN499 Drafting: Senior Seminar:	Block 2 Blocks 3, 4 or 5 Blocks 6&7
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Advanced Fiction: EN499 Drafting: Senior Seminar:	Block 3 Blocks 4 or 5 Blocks 6&7
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