Dear English Education major,

Welcome to the English Education program at the University of Delaware, an innovative and nationally accredited program! We are thrilled that you have joined our growing major and look forward to getting to know you better as you engage in the important work of preparing to teach English in secondary schools. One of us has been assigned to you as your academic advisor – visit www.udel.edu, and after you click on the “Students” tab, click on UDSIS. Follow the prompts to review your academic information: your transcript, requirements, and advisor, for example.

The attached documents will help you craft your plan for success at UD; all are also available on our website, http://www.english.udel.edu/xee:

- An English Education checksheet (listing all of your major requirements),
- A blank course planning worksheet,
- Sample English Education schedules in increasing levels of complexity, and
- Ideas for expanding the English Education major.

Making the best of your UD experience requires careful planning. Because managing the nuts and bolts of academic course planning is essential for your success, we’ve included several tools for your use. The English Education checksheet provides an overview of all coursework required in the major. We’ve also included a worksheet you can use to plan your course schedule each semester; for this, we recommend using pencil! 😊 Our most successful students are thoughtful and intentional in creating their course of study and consult early and often with their advisors as they develop their plans. The sample schedules in this folder can give you ideas about how you might plan your undergraduate course of study.

As the “Expanding the English Education major” handout implies, we encourage you to take full advantage of the many academic opportunities that the University of Delaware has to offer. Some of the possibilities you might consider are declaring a minor, declaring a double major, studying abroad, conducting undergraduate research, and serving as a peer tutor or writing fellow.

We also want to alert you that as a part of your English Education major, you will be completing an e-portfolio. The e-portfolio will document your progress in the major and provide a repository of artifacts to record and reflect on your learning. You will be assessed using a series of formative assessments leading to a summative assessment with representation from the work that you have been producing in several courses of the major. These materials will then be the resources for your professional portfolio, which you will be able to use during your job search. You will learn more about the e-portfolio in your English Education courses.

Welcome, once again, to the English Education major! We look forward to helping you meet your goals and guiding your development in this incredibly rewarding profession.

Sincerely,

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