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English courses can oftentimes consist of an extensive list of reading material, as well as writing assignments. While the following tips can apply to any course with a reading or writing component, they are targeted towards college students enrolled within English courses specifically. As an English major, these specific courses will not be few and far between, so it is best to be as prepared as one can be coming into a new semester.

Here are the best ways to handle the course load of an English course:
Stay organized

As a busy college student, a hectic schedule made up of an array of responsibilities is not unfamiliar. It is important to master the practice of staying organized with a planner or note-taking tool in order to keep track of any important happenings, including class deadlines in a rigorous English course. You cannot comfortably stay on track or ahead of assignments if you do not know they are due until the night before.

Stay ahead of the reading

This can be difficult if one does not implement the organization skills stressed in the previous point. Every student is different. With numerous readings to get through in a short amount of time, it is important to understand your learning style and adapt. For example, if you have difficulty reading quickly and still retaining the necessary information, staying ahead can give you two weeks to work your way through a difficult reading, rather than the assigned week. This can be difficult as a busy student, but it is worth the effort!

Stay focused when you are reading

If you are reading while busying yourself with other chores, you aren’t focused. If you aren’t focused, you aren’t retaining any information. It might seem like you are getting your work done, but in the end, it will be as if you did not read at all. Keep this in mind: You have only read if you can recall.

Read again

Yes... Again. Read again. You definitely missed details. Takes notes while you read the second time around. This is why making time for your readings and written assignments is so important. It will help you in the long run to have the option to read your texts, notes, or assignments again and catch any missed details or concepts. Don’t just read what is given to you either. Read your own work as well before you turn it in.

Participate in discussion in class

The most effective way of learning is to teach the information you’re being told. By trying to explain the subject to another person or a group of peers, you’re repeating the information mentally and verbally. Also, who doesn’t love talking in a collective group about the great novel you just read?
**Sigma Tau Delta**

Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society open to English majors and is now accepting applications for the spring 2019 semester. Members are also eligible to wear honor cords at graduation. For specific qualifications and/or an application, visit the English Department webpage or the Undergraduate Office (LAAH 352). STDelta Applications can be picked up in the Undergraduate Office (LAAH 352).

**English Graduate Student Association**

The goal of the EGSA is to provide leadership and organization for the English graduate student body. Events are held that aim to foster friendship, professionalism, and scholarship. The EGSA also works with English department committees such as the Executive Committee, the English Graduate Committee, the Hiring Committee and the Graduate Office Committee. Preparing students for their graduate work and for achieving their professional goals are the organization’s primary endeavors.
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The Eckleburg Project

The Eckleburg Project is the official undergraduate literary magazine of Texas A&M University. In their magazine, they feature poetry, prose, and art submitted by undergraduates at A&M. The mission of The Eckleburg Project is to provide a medium for the creative writers and artists of Texas A&M University to express themselves. If you’re interested in applying to join the editorial board or submit your own creative work to The Eckleburg Project, visit their website and Facebook page.

Poetry Club of Texas A&M

The mission of The Poetry Club of Texas A&M is to provide a common meeting place for the admirers of the fine beauty of poetry to meet, share their favorite pieces of poetry, read works of their own, and experience different people’s opinions. This club believes that poetry is an artistic medium which brings people together and delivers a certain kind of happiness to one’s heart in its idiosyncratic way. This club allows people to escape from their everyday, grounded lives and soar in an environment in which the eloquence of poetry is truly appreciated.

The Inkling Society

The Inkling Society is open to undergraduates in good standing majoring in English, minoring in English, pursuing certification in English, or even just seeking the company of those interested in language and literature. Meetings provide students with the opportunity to mix informally with peers and faculty who share interests. Activities include such things as readings of student creative writing, listening to invited faculty presentations, viewing films for discussion, learning about major-related careers, attending theater and other events as a group, and socializing with members and other clubs within the College and University.
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