

# ENGLISH SECONDARY EDUCATION COUGAR MAP



## BACHELOR OF ARTS: ENGLISH SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR

The Cougar Map is intended to guide you with suggestions for potential activities and career paths that can help you along your educational journey. Although everyone has different abilities, experiences and obstacles, this Cougar Map can be used with the help of your advisors to prepare for the future you want with a clear vision of your college-to-career pathway.

Please refer to the SXU Academic Catalog and academic planning resources for detailed degree requirements.

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
Competence (major/minor, summer suggestions, academic research)	<p>Explore scholarship opportunities.</p> <p>Bring writing assignments to the Learning Center/Writing Studio for help in fine-tuning papers.</p> <p>Compose your bucket list of must-read titles in canonical and popular literature.</p>	<p>Don't get discouraged in your studies! Visit the Counseling Center for stress relief ideas.</p> <p>Consider pursuing a minor.</p> <p>Consider summer courses to catch up or get ahead with your studies.</p>	<p>Develop your topic for your senior seminar research project.</p> <p>Be mindful of important dates, i.e. semester ends and begins, deadline to withdraw from a course, petition for graduation.</p> <p>Complete an education research project.</p>	<p>Meet with the Language and Literature Department to ensure you're on track to graduate.</p> <p>Look to submit work for undergraduate academic publications.</p>
Character (Service, global perspective, study abroad, clubs/RSOs, volunteering)	<p>Consider joining a student club or intramural sports team.</p> <p>Enroll in Cougars LEAD that supports leadership development and begin working on your leadership certificate.</p> <p>Participate in student activities.</p>	<p>Explore opportunities to work on campus or get involved with service opportunities through Campus Ministry.</p> <p>Volunteer in an education setting or in a role that requires you to serve as an educator.</p> <p>Write for the student newspaper, The Xavierite.</p>	<p>Take on a leadership role within a student club or organization.</p> <p>Consider participating in a spring break service trip or study abroad.</p> <p>Check eligibility to join the international honor society, Sigma Tau Delta.</p>	<p>Look into joining professional associations related to education and English and assist those organizations with their events.</p> <p>Write for Opus, SXU's literary publication.</p>
Career Success (career or grad school prep, internships, jobs)	<p>Complete your SXU Handshake profile for student employment with the help of Center for SUCCESS.</p> <p>Attend SXU's career-related events throughout your time at SXU and network with professionals.</p>	<p>Attain paraprofessional licensure.</p> <p>Secure a position in education as a tutor or after-school assistant.</p>	<p>Develop a teaching portfolio.</p> <p>Secure a position as a paraprofessional or teacher aide to help you diversify your resume, while giving you experience working with adolescents.</p>	<p>Ensure that your LinkedIn or other professional social media accounts reflect all your recent experiences.</p> <p>Actively apply for teaching opportunities.</p>