

# Department of English

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## Faculty

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## Introduction

The Department of English offers courses that provide students with opportunities to develop skills in written and oral communication; to gain knowledge of American and British literature, world literature, and major literary types; to study the English language; and to gain experience in technical and creative writing. All courses are open to non-majors.

The study of English language and literature not only prepares students for teaching on all levels from elementary school to college but also equips them to assume positions of responsibility in business, industry and government as managers and supervisors, personnel specialists, consultants, analysts, technical writers, editors, and other important leadership roles. English is widely recognized as a foundation discipline for many professions, such as law, journalism, theology, psychology and international diplomacy.

To be an English major or minor is to experience the great literature and thought of our culture and to be prepared to enter the professional world with personal enrichment and insights into the workings of human nature.

## Programs of Study

The department offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the following areas:

- Bachelor of Arts,
- Master of Arts, and
- Doctor of Philosophy, all with a major in English.
- Master of Arts with a major in creative writing, English as a second language, linguistics and technical writing.

Concentrations under the English major are available at the undergraduate level in literature, composition, linguistics, technical writing, creative writing and language arts.

## Bachelor of Arts

### Admission to the English Major

Entering students interested in majoring in English will be classified as pre-majors and will be advised by the department. Admission to the university does not guarantee admission to the English major. To be admitted to major status, a pre-major must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete at least 45 hours of college courses and:
  - a. complete the BA freshman English composition requirement with a grade of C or better (6 hours);
  - b. complete the College of Arts and Sciences BA communication requirement (3 hours);
  - c. complete two sophomore literature courses with a grade of C or better (6 hours);
  - d. complete the College of Arts and Sciences mathematics requirement (at least 3 hours of approved course work above College Algebra [except MATH 1350]);
  - e. partially complete the foreign language requirement, at least through the 1020 level (or placement equivalent) (8 hours);
  - f. complete ENGL 3000 with a grade of C or better (3 hours).
2. Have at least a 2.5 UNT GPA.

### Degree Requirements

1. **Hours Required and General/College Requirements:** A minimum of 128 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree as specified in the "General University Requirements" in the Academics section of this catalog and the College of Arts and Sciences requirements.
2. **Major Requirements:** Total of 36 semester hours of credit, 15 of which are ENGL 1310 or 1313, ENGL 1320 or 1323 or 2700; two courses chosen from ENGL 2210, 2220, 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328; and ENGL 3000. Note: ENGL 3000 should be taken in the first 18 hours of English course work.

Students majoring in English may choose one of the following options for the remaining 21 hours: a concentration in literature, composition, linguistics, technical writing, creative writing, language arts, and teaching secondary English. No fewer than three 4000-level courses must be included in the 21 hours.

#### Concentration in Literature:

Required courses are ENGL 4430 and LING 3060; one course from ENGL 4150, 4160, 4170 or 4190; one course from Group A; one course from Group B; one course from Group D; one course from Groups A, B or D.

#### Concentration in Composition:

Required courses are LING 3060; ENGL 4160 or 4760, ENGL 4170; one course from ENGL 4180, 4190 or 4250; three courses from Groups A, B or D.

#### Concentration in Linguistics:

Required courses are LING 3060, 4010 or 4080, 4020, 4040, 4070; two courses from Groups A, B or D.

#### Concentration in Technical Writing:

Required courses are LING 3060; ENGL 4170, 4180, 4190, 4250; two courses from Groups A, B or D.

#### Concentration in Creative Writing:

Required courses are LING 3060, ENGL 3140, 3150, 3160, 4100 or 4110; two courses from Groups A, B or D.

**Concentration in English Language Arts** (Also satisfies teacher certification. See "Teacher Certification" below.):

Required English courses are LING 3060; ENGL 3920, 4160, 4190 and 4430; one course from Group A; one course from Group B.

#### Course Groups in English

- **Group A, British Literature:** ENGL 3430, 3440, 3911, 4410, 4430, 4440, 4470 and 4500.
- **Group B, American Literature:** ENGL 3830, 3840, 3850, 3912, 3920, 3921, 3922, 3923, 4400 and 4480.
- **Group C, Linguistics:** LING 3060, 4010, 4020, 4030, 4040, 4070 and 4080.
- **Group D, World Literature:** ENGL 3360, 3450, 3913, 4290, 4300, 4420 and 4600.
- **Group E, Composition and Criticism:** ENGL 3100, 3140, 3150, 3160, 4100, 4110, 4150, 4160, 4170, 4180, 4190, 4250 and 4760.

Written consent of either the undergraduate English adviser or the department chair before registration is necessary for exceptions to group requirements.

3. **Other Course Requirements:** None.

4. **Electives:** See four-year plan.

5. **Other requirements:** A minimum grade of C in each is required for all English/linguistics courses

counting toward the Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Students majoring in English must contact the Undergraduate Advising Office, Auditorium Building, Room 114, to prepare their degree plans.

## BA with a Major in English Literature

*Following is **one** suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their adviser each semester for help with program decisions and enrollment. Students are responsible for meeting all course prerequisites.*

### FRESHMAN YEAR

FALL	HOURS
ENGL 1310, College Writing I*	3
LANG 2040, Foreign Language (intermediate)**	3
MATH (above College Algebra, except 1350)**	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences*	3
Wellness*	<u>3</u>
Total	15

### SPRING

SPRING	HOURS
ENGL 1320, College Writing II*	3
LANG 2050, Foreign Language (intermediate)**	3
Elective	3
Communication**	3
Visual and Performing Arts*	<u>3</u>
Total	15

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

FALL	HOURS
ENGL 2210, World Literature (may be used to satisfy Humanities requirement*)	3
PSCI 1040, American Government*	3
Cross-Cultural, Diversity and Global Studies*	3
Physical Sciences**	4
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total	16

### SPRING

SPRING	HOURS
ENGL 2220, World Literature (may be used to satisfy Literature requirement**)	3
ENGL 3000, Introduction to Literary Analysis and Interpretation Skills	3
PSCI 1050, American Government*	3
Elective	3
Physical Sciences**	<u>4</u>
Total	16

### JUNIOR YEAR

FALL	HOURS
ENGL 4430, Shakespeare	3
HIST 2610, United States History to 1865*	3
ENGL Group A	3
Elective	3
Laboratory Science **	<u>4</u>
Total	16

SPRING	HOURS
HIST 2620, United States History Since 1865*	3
ENGL Group B	3
ENGL Group D	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Total	15
SENIOR YEAR	HOURS
FALL	HOURS
ENGL Group E	3
LING Group C	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Total	18
SPRING	HOURS
ENGL Group A, B or D (4000 level)	3
ENGL Group A, B or D (4000 level)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Total	18

\*See the *University Core Curriculum* section of this catalog for approved list of course options.

\*\* See *Arts and Sciences degree requirements* section of this catalog for approved list of course options.

For degree requirements for other concentrations, see the requirements listed under *Composition, Linguistics, Technical Writing and Creative Writing*; and consult with the Undergraduate Adviser in English. Actual degree plans may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester. Some courses may require prerequisites not listed. Students may wish to use opportunities for electives to complete a minor of their choice or secondary education courses for teacher certification.

## Minor in English

The minor requires a total of 21 hours, including 9 advanced (LING 4080 does not count toward the minor; ENGL 4900 and 4910 may count toward the minor with the written consent of the department chair).

## Minor in English (Technical Writing)

The minor requires a total of 21 semester hours, including 9 advanced hours in ENGL 4180, 4190 and 4250.

## Certificate in Technical Writing

Students majoring in English may receive a certificate in technical writing from the department by

successfully completing ENGL 2700, 4180, 4190 and 4250.

## Teacher Certification

The College of Arts and Sciences encourages students to explore teaching at the secondary level as a career option. The student's academic adviser in the Dean's Office for Undergraduates and Student Advising in GAB, Room 220, can assist students with specific requirements for teacher certification in English Language Arts and Reading. Upon completion of this program, students will be prepared to sit for the certification examinations in English Language Arts and Reading.

**Requirements:** COMM 1010, ENGL 1310, 1320; two courses from ENGL 2210, 2220, 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328; ENGL 3000, 3920, 4160, 4190, 4430, 4700, 3 hours from the approved list of upper-division British Literature courses, 3 hours from the approved list of upper-division American Literature courses, LING 3060; JOUR 1210, 2010; EDRE 4840, 4870. See *major for additional course work and GPA requirements*.

Students must also complete the required 21 hours in upper-level education courses (EDSE 3800, 3830, 4060, 4070, 4108, 4118, 4840) and meet all GPA requirements to apply for state certification. In order to enroll for the first required education course, the student must make application to the certification program in the College of Education in Matthews Hall, Room 105.

All state certification requirements and information on required examinations is available on the web site of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC), [www.sbec.state.tx.us](http://www.sbec.state.tx.us).

## Endorsement in English as a Second Language

See the certification adviser in the College of Education for details.

## Graduate Degrees

The department offers degree programs leading to the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy. For information, consult the *Graduate Catalog*.

## Courses of Instruction

All Courses of Instruction are located in one section at the back of this catalog.

## Course and Subject Guide

The "Course and Subject Guide," found in the Courses of Instruction section of this book, serves as a table of contents and provides quick access to subject areas and prefixes.