

THE GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

ENG 1030 (or equivalent) – Composition
ENG 2403 – World Literature
These courses are prerequisites for admission to the English major. They are taken as requirements for General Education.

THE REQUIRED METHODOLOGY COURSES (6 CREDITS)

ENG 2000 – Writing about Literature
ENG 2001 – Critical Approaches to Lit

ENG 2000 should be taken simultaneously with ENG 2403 (see GE requirements above). ENG 2001 should be taken immediately afterward. Note that ENG 2000 and ENG 2001 should not be taken simultaneously; ENG 2000 is a prerequisite for ENG 2001.

THE REQUIRED LITERATURE SURVEYS (15 CREDITS)

ENG 2205 – British Literature I
ENG 2206 – British Literature II
ENG 2215 – Shakespeare Survey
ENG 2220 – American Literature I
ENG 2221 – American Literature II

These courses should be taken early in the major and preferably before the electives for the major.

ADDITIONAL ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

ENG 2255 – Young Adult Literature

This additional major requirement for prospective teachers English provides a background in modern literature for and about young adults.

THE REQUIRED LINGUISTICS COURSE (3 CREDITS)

ENG 2101 – Structure and Origins of the English Language

This course should be taken as soon as possible in the major. Students may substitute for this course either ENG 3101 (Introduction to Linguistics) or ENG 4120 (Language Variation in Society) if they pass a Departmental challenge exam in English grammar.

THE FOUR ELECTIVES (12 CREDITS)

Students must select with advisement three electives within the major. These courses should be taken after most, if not all, of the surveys have been completed. All three electives (9 credits) must be at the 3000 or 4000 level. Students in the teaching option are encouraged to take a writing course as a major elective for practice in writing and an impression of how writing is taught.

THE SEMINAR REQUIREMENT (3 CREDITS)

ENG 4800 – Senior Seminar

Senior Seminar should be taken at the conclusion of the major, ideally after all of the electives have been completed. It may not be taken until at least two (and preferably three) of the electives have been completed. Also, it is best (though not essential) to avoid taking Senior Seminar the same semester as student teaching; the combined demands of both undertakings may be too difficult. Note as well that the Seminar satisfies the Writing Emphasis requirement of the University.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Sequencing of courses is critical to success. Ideally, your program should be spread out over your entire four years. For instance:

FR Fall: ENG 1030
FR Spring: ENG 2000, 2403
SOPH Fall: ENG 2001, 2205
SOPH Spring: ENG 2101, 2206
JR Fall: ENG 2215, 2220, elective
JR Spring: ENG 2221 & two electives
SR Fall: ENG 2255, 4800, elective
SR Spring: student teaching

Transfer students entering the major in their junior year will need to plan a much more concentrated course of study.
2. Students in the Teacher Certification Option must earn at least a B- in ENG 1030 and may earn no more than two grades of C in the major, its other GE prerequisites, and its corequisites. All other grades in these areas must be at least a B- as well.
3. This guide addresses course requirements only in English. Students should refer to the University Catalog for complete General Education and professional course requirements. Other encumbered courses include COMM 1402, COMM 2405, ID 2955, and PSY 2110. It should also be noted that students must file a formal application with the Department of Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Education (formerly the Department of Instruction and Educational Leadership) in Willis 105 for acceptance into the professional component of the 42199 option and for subsequent advisement in it.
4. Note that this option is not available to students taking English as a second major (in addition to their primary major in Elementary Education or Early Childhood Education). This option is for students seeking certification in teaching English only.

Advisement Notes

What it takes to be an English major in the teacher certification option:

- a love for reading and discussing literature
- a delight in literary and dramatic performance
- a curiosity about language
- a competence in writing
- an aptitude for academic leadership
- an average of 2.5 in ENG 2000 and ENG 2403
- a cumulative g. p. a. of 2.75

How to become an English major:

As soon as possible after ENG 1030 (or equivalent), visit the English Department and fill out a Change of Major form. (Include your email address on it.) Leave the form with a faculty adviser, who will review the major's requirements with you and send the Change of Major form on to the Registrar. From that point on, you will receive mailings from the Department about advisement and other matters. You will be an "intended" major until you have completed ENG 2000 and ENG 2403 with a 2.5 and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.75. Then you must fill out another Change of Major form to become a "declared" English major.

THE ENGLISH MAJOR

TEACHER CERTIFICATION OPTION (42199)

NEW PLAN 2008*

**Mandatory for students admitted to the University for Fall 2008 and after; optional but strongly recommended for students admitted previously.*

39 credits

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