

Department of English

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The study of English not only gives students knowledge of language and literature but also helps to develop their ability to read perceptively, think critically, analyze problems, and write correctly and persuasively. For this reason, a major in English has traditionally been viewed as good training for careers in law, government, business, and publishing, as well as for careers in teaching and writing.

The department offers an undergraduate major (B.A.), a minor in English, and an M.A. The department also edits and publishes two distinguished journals. *Mississippi Quarterly* is a refereed scholarly journal dedicated to the life and culture of the American South, past and present. *Jabberwock Review* is a literary journal publishing stories, poems, and essays by writers across the country. Additionally, the department operates the university Writing Center to assist all MSU students with their writing.

The Department of English awards several scholarships annually: the Howell H. Gwin Scholarships to an outstanding junior majoring in English and to two entering graduate students in English; the Helen W. Skelton Annual Scholarship to full-time English major maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrating good character, leadership and financial need; the William H. Magruder Scholarship to an upper-division or graduate English major; the Roger LeMoyné Dabbs Memorial Scholarship to an English or Communication major; and the Eugene Butler Creative Writing Scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student. The Department of English sponsors Xi Kappa Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society; memberships are offered by invitation to scholastically qualified junior and senior undergraduate students and to second-year graduate students who are English majors. The Department of English also offers the Nolan Book Award competition for junior and senior English majors and sponsors several writing contests and awards.

At least 21 additional hours of English electives, of which 15 hours must be 4000 level. 21

English electives include courses satisfying the following group requirements:

Group I (one course)

EN 4503	Shakespeare
EN 4513	Shakespeare
EN 4523	Chaucer
EN 4533	Milton
EN 4703	English Literature of the Sixteenth-Century
EN 4713	English Literature of the Seventeenth-Century

Group II (one course)

EN 4643	The Eighteenth-Century British Novel
EN 4653	The Nineteenth-Century British Novel
EN 4723	British Literature and Culture from 1600-1700
EN 4733	British Literature and Culture of the Eighteenth-Century
EN 4863	The Romantic Poets and Prose Writers
EN 4883	Victorian Poets and Prose Writers
EN 4663	British and Irish Novel Since 1900

Group III (two courses)

EN 4333	Southern Literature
EN 4343	Studies in African American Literature
EN 4903	American Literature: 1800-1860
EN 4913	American Literature: 1860-1900
EN 4923	American Novel Since 1900
EN 4933	Survey of Contemporary Literature

Group IV (one course)

To be taken from Group I or Group II	
Total Hours	21

EN 2203 does not count toward the requirements for the major.

English majors must take an Upper Division Arts and Sciences Humanities (HI, FL, PHI) or Study Abroad elective in fulfilling the Arts & Sciences B.A. common curriculum requirements.

- English majors must maintain at least a 2.5 QPA in all upper-division English courses. Students who fall below a 2.5 QPA must bring it up to 2.5 the next semester or drop the English major.
- English majors must attain a C or better in all English courses at the 2000 level or above in order for those courses to count toward the requirements of the major.
- English majors must take 15 hours at the 4000 level at MSU.

Students seeking secondary-school teaching certification should consult with an English Education advisor.

English minors take at least 18 hours of English electives with a grade of C or better beyond completion of the freshman composition requirement of their major. Of these hours, at least six must be at the 4000 level; these must be completed in residence. Students should consult the English major advisor to plan a minor program which will complement their major studies and career interests.

General Education and College Requirements

English Composition

EN 1103	English Composition I	3
or EN 1163	Accelerated Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	

Foreign Language

3 semesters: One Foreign Language (see advisor)	9
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Humanities

Philosophy Elective - see advisor	3
History Sequence - select one of the following:	6
HI 1063	Early U.S. History
HI 1073	Modern U.S. History
HI 1163	World History Before 1500
HI 1173	World History Since 1500
HI 1213	Early Western World
HI 1223	Modern Western World

Math

MA 1313	College Algebra	3
3 hours above College Algebra		3

Fine Arts

See A&S requirements	3
Natural Sciences	
Physical Science w/Lab ¹	3-4
Biological Science w/Lab ²	3-4
Natural Science Elective ³	3-4
Social Sciences ⁴	
See A&S requirements	6
Social Sciences Electives	12
Major Core	
Fourth semester in chosen Foreign Language	3
Upper Division A&S Humanities (HI, FL, PHI) or Study Abroad Elective	3
EN 1111 English Studies	1
EN 2213 English Literature before 1800	3
EN 2223 English Literature After 1800	3
EN 2243 American Literature Before 1865	3
EN 2253 American Literature After 1865	3
EN 3414 Critical Writing and Research in Literary Studies	4
EN 4111 Portfolios and Reflective Writing	1
Upper Division Requirements	
Pre-1660 English Lit Elective	3
Post-1660 English Lit Elective	3
American Lit Elective	3
American or contemporary Lit Elective	3
English Lit Elective	3
English Vocational Elective	
Select one of the following:	3
EN 3313 Writing for the Workplace	
EN 4323 Literary Criticism from Plato-Present or EN 4353 Critical Theory Since 1900	
EN 4403 Introduction to Linguistics	
EN 3303 Creative Writing	
EN 4223 Principles of Legal Writing	
EN 4233 Composition Pedagogy or EN 4243 Writing Center Tutor Training	
Elective	
Elective	3
Oral Communication Requirement	
CO 1003 Fundamentals of Public Speaking or CO 1013 Introduction to Communication	3
General Electives	
General Electives - Consult advisor	15
Total Hours	124

(Must maintain a 2.5 GPA in upper-division English courses. Must make a grade of C or higher in all upper-division English courses. Must complete 31 upper division A&S hours. Must take 15 hours at the 4000 level in residence.)

¹ CH, GG, or PH; see General Education courses.

² BIO, EPP, or PO; see General Education courses.

³ Consult advisor.

⁴ Must be from 2 different areas and must cross 4 disciplines over the 18 hours. Only one Economics allowed. See advisor.

Certificate in TESOL

The certificate in Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is designed to provide students with the theoretical and practical knowledge needed to begin a career in English language teaching. The program requires 15 credit hours (5 courses) in linguistics and English language teaching methods that introduce students to basic methods of linguistic analysis and principles of communicative language teaching. Students who earn the certificate will be prepared to teach English as a foreign language in countries outside the United States and English as a second language in positions inside the United States that do not require a teacher's license.

The certificate program is open to undergraduate and graduate students in good standing who are currently enrolled at the university in any major.

The program requires a minimum of 15 hours with a grade of C or better in each course. Graduate students are required to attain a minimum GPA of 3.0 for their coursework.

Students must take the following courses in theoretical background:

EN 4403/6403	Introduction to Linguistics	3
EN 4463/6463	Studies in Second Language Acquisition	3
EN 4443/6443	English Syntax	3
Students must take two of the following:		6
EN 4433/6433	Approaches to TESOL	
EN 4453/6453	Methods in TESOL	
EN 4493/6493	TESOL Practicum	

Total Hours	15
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