

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.

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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 (one course, or one more course from either Group I or Group II)

EN 4393	Postcolonial Literature and Theory
EN 4813	The World Novel Since 1900

Group IV (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

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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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
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History Sequence - select one of the following:	6
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HI 1063 & HI 1073	Early U.S. History and Modern U.S. History	
HI 1163 & HI 1173	World History Before 1500 and World History Since 1500	
HI 1213	Early Western World	
HI 1223 & 1223	Modern Western World and Modern Western World	

Math

MA 1313	College Algebra	3
3 hours above College Algebra		3

Fine Arts

See A&S requirements	3
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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 (Group I)		3
Post-1660 English Lit Elective (Group II)		3
Postcolonial or World Lit Elective (Group III) or one more course from Group I or Group II		3
American or Contemporary Lit Elective (Group IV)		6
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	3
or CO 1013	Introduction to Communication	
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