English Program

Purpose Statement

The English department commits itself to developing graduates who can read critically and communicate effectively and who understand the changing nature of language.

The department achieves this purpose when its graduates

- demonstrate an ability to accomplish various purposes through effective communication – oral, written, and electronic – and to help others achieve them;
- demonstrate an understanding of ways in which aspects of culture such as history, religion and social norms are reflected in literature;
- demonstrate an ability to analyze literary texts;
- demonstrate a knowledge of research tools and strategies, especially in literature, and the critical and ethical use of appropriate documentation;
- demonstrate knowledge of the structure of English, of the Standard American dialect, of both traditional and modern grammars, and of the nature of language.

English Major

Requirements

I. Complete the following courses:

EN 230 Linguistics (2 hours)
***EN 250** American Literature I (3 hours)
***G-EN 255** American Literature II (3 hours)
***EN 313** Advanced Expository Writing (3 hours)
EN 335 Advanced English Grammar (2 hours)
EN 340 British Literature I (3 hours)
EN 345 British Literature II (3 hours)
EN 375 Junior Seminar in English (1 hour)
EN 430 History and Structure of English (2 hours)
EN 475 Seminar in English (2 hours)
***G-EN 210** Masterpieces of World Literature, or
***G-EN220** Contemporary World Literature (3 hours)

II. Complete 7 elective hours in English. These may include additional hours in English and American literature, as well as the following courses:

G-CM 120 Intro. to Human Communication (3 hours)
CM 305 Editing (3 hours)
***G-EN 210** Masterpieces of World Literature (3-4 hours)
***G-EN 220** Contemporary World Literature (3-4 hours)
G-EN 235 Topics in Literature (3 hours) (may be taken more than once if topic differs)
EN 320 Young Adult Literature (2 hours)
EN 350 Theory & Practice of Tutoring Writing (1 hour)
***G-EN 370** Poetry (3-4 hours)
***G-EN 270** Fiction (3-4 hours)
***G-PA 385** Performing Arts History & Literature I or
***G-PA 390** Performing Arts History & Literature II (3 hours)
EN 420 Creative Writing (3 hours)
EN 445 Readings and Research in English (2-4 hours)
***CM 475** Seminar in Communication (2 hours)

III. Complete the following supporting courses

Communication courses (3 hours)
Spanish Level II, or the equivalent in some natural language

Requirements for teaching licensure (6-12) in English

I. Complete the following courses:

EN 230 Linguistics (2 hours)
EN 335 Advanced English Grammar (2 hours)

EN 430 History and Structure of English (2 hours)
EN 320 Young Adult Literature (2 hours)
EN 420 Creative Writing, or
***G-EN 370** Poetry, or
***G-EN 270** Fiction (3 hours)
***G-EN 210** Masterpieces of World Literature, or
***G-EN 220** Contemporary World Literature (3 hours)
***EN 250** American Literature I (3 hours)
***G-EN 255** American Literature II (3 hours)
EN 340 British Literature I (3 hours)
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***EN 313** Advanced Expository Writing (3 hours)
EN 375 Junior Seminar in English (1 hour)
EN 475 Seminar in English (2 hours)

II. Complete the following supporting courses:

Journalism courses (3 hours)
G-ML 109 Spanish Level II, or the equivalent in some natural language
CI 417 Methods for Teaching English and Language Arts in the Secondary School (3 hours)

Other courses required by the Curriculum & Instruction Department for licensure.

Students must take the Praxis II examination: English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge.

Competency Exam

Students who plan to major in English must pass a writing competency exam. This exam will be offered in the spring semester, before pre-enrollment for the fall. Transfer students will take the exam early in their first semester at the college. Students who fail the exam may re-take it after participating in guided study and practice of writing.

English As a Second Language (6-12) Endorsement

Requirements

Same professional education requirements as for 7-12 endorsement in other fields, plus:

G-CI 333 Intercultural Education Seminar (2 hours)
EN 230 Linguistics (2 hours)
EN 335 Advanced English Grammar (2 hours)
G-SO 202 Minorities in the U.S. (3-4 hours)
CI 428 Methods for Teaching English as a Second Language (3 hours)
CI 475 Student Teaching/Practicum (6-12 hours)
CI 476 Professional Seminar in Education (2 hours)

Student teaching/practicum is to include ESL experience; for those already certified, student teaching/practicum is four credit hours.

Note: Non-native speakers of English must contact the Department of Curriculum and Instruction regarding proficiency requirements.

English Minor

A minor in English consists of 20 hours of English courses chosen from the list of courses in the English major and must include courses in both literature and writing. G-EN 110 and G-EN 111 do not count as part of the 20 hours for the minor.