

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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HEGIS Code: 1501

Majors Offered	Components Required	Number Credits	Recommended/Required GER	Prereq	Recommended Minor
BA in English Language Arts	Language 6 cr Spoken Arts 3 cr Writing 6 cr Literature 9 cr Electives 6 cr	30	GER 1A: ENGL 120	ENGL 220	Students enrolled in the QUEST Program are exempt from a minor. Non-teaching candidates may select any minor with the approval of an English Department adviser.

English Language Arts is not a department, but an interdisciplinary program leading to the bachelor of arts degree. It is open to all students, but it may be particularly suitable for prospective teachers of grades 1-6.

The required and recommended courses in this program have been selected for their relevance to the childhood education curriculum and for the breadth they offer to teachers of grades 1-6 who may find a traditional major too specialized for their needs.

Students who do not plan to teach will find this major good preparation for careers that require facility with spoken and/or written language, such as public relations, advertising and the communications media. Students interested in the growing field of linguistics will also find English language arts an appropriate undergraduate major, particularly if they are interested in the application of linguistics to such educational concerns as second-language learning, dialect variation and beginning reading instruction.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (30 CR)

Language

(6 cr)

ENGL 331 Structure of Modern English and one of the following:

ANTHC 351 Language in Culture and Society

ENGL 332 History of the English Language or an approved equivalent

Spoken Arts

(3 cr)

MEDP 240 Effective Speech Making or one of the following:

THEA 161 Acting I: Basic Acting Techniques

THEA 241 Creative Dramatics

THEA 242 Theatre for Young Audiences

THEA 243 Theatre for Young Audiences: Laboratory

or an approved equivalent

Writing

(6 cr)

ENGL 301 Theory and Practice of Expository Writing and 3 credits from one of the following:

ENGL 300 Introduction to Creative Writing

FILM 376 Screen Writing I

THEA 378 Scriptwriting for Young Audiences: Theatre, Film and Television

or an approved equivalent

Literature

(9 cr)

ENGL 305 Studies in Children's Literature

ENGL 320 Multicultural American Literature

ENGL 303 Western Literary Backgrounds to British and American Literature

Elective

(6 cr)

Two additional 300-level or higher courses in linguistics, writing or literature in one of the following departments: English, Comparative Literature, Africana and Puerto Rican/Latino Studies, Anthropology (linguistics) or Classics. An English Department adviser should approve this course.

Minor

Students who are enrolled in the childhood teacher education program (QUEST) do not need a minor. Non-teaching candidates may select a minor in any program leading to a BA degree, with the approval of an English Department adviser.

Minor for Non-Majors

Students wishing to minor in English Language Arts should consult their major adviser for appropriate course recommendations.

Honors

Program honors will be awarded to students who complete an approved honors seminar (ENGL 494) or an individual Honors Tutorial Project (explained below) and who attain a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the major and a cumulative GPA of at least 2.8 by the time of graduation.

Honors Tutorial Project (1 sem, 3 cr) Individual research and writing of honors essay or project report on a topic related to English Language Arts. The student's work will be supervised by a cooperating member of any of the departments whose courses comprise the English Language Arts major and the student will be enrolled in the individual honors course in that supervisor's department: ENGL 485, THEA 402, MEDIA 402, or EDUC 490. Open to qualified juniors and seniors by permission of the English Language Arts coordinator.

