

## Current curriculum

### **English Language Arts Option for Teacher Certification**

**The English Language Arts Certification Option is for students who would like to major in English and gain Illinois state certification at the secondary level to teach English language arts. Students must receive a grade of “C” or better in all courses in the major and maintain a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.75. For students also wanting to be eligible to teach middle school language arts, additional Middle Level Education courses are required.**

### **Core Requirements**

Please note that a GPA of 2.75, both cumulative and in the major, is required for departmental approval to student teach. Major GPA based on all English courses taken at EIU, excluding ENG 0990, 0995, 1000, and General Education courses other than 3009G and 3099G. A grade of C or better is required in each course that applies to the major. For the education course work required for this option, see "Teacher Certification Programs."

This option requires that students follow and meet the requirements for Admission, Retention and Graduation from Teacher Certification programs as described in the “Teacher Certification Programs” section of this catalog and as explained at the University Admission to Teacher Education Meeting which all students must attend. Additional information on Admission, Retention and Graduation for Teacher Certification programs can be found on the College of Education & Professional Studies website at [www.eiu.edu/ceps/teached](http://www.eiu.edu/ceps/teached).

All students must pass the Illinois Certification Test of Basic Skills for selection into teacher education and should complete this requirement no later than their sophomore year.

Students must receive a “C” or better in all courses counted toward the English major and in all professional education courses and must maintain a minimum cumulative and major GPA of 2.75 in order to continue in the program.

Students have two options for completing the professional education coursework – Regular Secondary Education Program and Intergrated Secondary Education Program (ISEP). Information is also available in the Teacher Certification Program section of this catalog.

### **English with Language Arts Certification Option**

#### **Standard High School Certification with no minor required.**

- Three courses from Groups 3 and 4 (at least one from each group). Credits: 9
- Two courses from Group 5. Credits: 6

- Two additional English courses chosen from Groups 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6. Credits: 6
- ENG 2205 - Introduction to Literary Studies. Credits: 3
- ENG 2601 - Backgrounds of Western Literature. Credits: 3
- ENG 2901 - Structure of English. Credits: 3
- ENG 3001 - Advanced Composition. Credits: 3
- ENG 3401 - Methods of Teaching Composition in the Secondary School. Credits: 3
- ENG 3402 - Methods of Teaching Literature in the Secondary School. Credits: 3
- ENG 4300 - Senior Seminar. Credits: 3
- ENG 4801 - Integrating the English Language Arts. Credits: 3
- ENG 4950 - Literary History and Bibliography. Credits: 3

### **One multicultural American Literature course**

- ENG 2705 - African-American Literature. Credits: 3
- or
- ENG 3705 - American Multicultural Literatures. Credits: 3
- or
- ENG 4750 - Studies in African-American Literature. Credits: 3

### **Six Hours in Related Disciplines**

Two courses in a single foreign language may be counted if numbered 2000 or above, not taught in English, and not offered for Gen Ed credit. Two courses in a single foreign language may be counted if numbered 2000 or above, not taught in English, and not offered for Gen Ed credit.

### **OR**

chosen from the following courses:

- CMN 2030 - Applied Communication. Credits: 3
- CMN 2040 - Argumentation and Critical Thinking. Credits: 3
- CMN 3400 - Teaching Speech. Credits: 3
- CMN 3900 - Directing Forensic Activities. Credits: 3
- JOU 4801 - Issues in Supervising High School Publications. Credits: 1
- JOU 4802 - Issues in Supervising High School Newspapers. Credits: 1
- JOU 4803 - Issues in Supervising High School Yearbooks. Credits: 1
- JOU 4804 - Special Topics in Supervising High School Publications. Credits: 1 or 2
- THA 3400 - Methods of Teaching Theatre in the Secondary School. Credits: 3
- THA 3432 - Creative Dramatics for the Classroom Teacher. Credits: 3