

English Language Arts with Teacher Certification reflecting changes to the English Major

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.

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 Integrated Secondary Education Program (ISEP). Information is also available in the Teacher Certification Program section of this catalog.

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Standard High School Certification with no minor required.

Group 1 Core Courses (24 credits). All of:

2205: Introduction to Literary Studies

2601: Backgrounds of Western Literature

2901: Structures of English

3401: Methods of Teaching Composition in the Secondary School

3402: Methods of Teaching Literature in the Secondary School

4801: Integrating the English Language Arts

4903: Young Adult Literature

One additional course in writing, chosen from

- 2760: Introduction to Professional Writing
- 3001: Advanced Composition
- 3002: Research Writing for Literary Studies
- 3005: Technical Communication

- Any 4000-level course in creative writing (note prerequisites)

Group 2 Focused Study in Multicultural Literatures (6 credits).

English 3705: American Multicultural Literature

One additional course, chosen from

- 2705: African-American Literature