

B.A. in 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 GPA 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.

English with Language Arts Certification Option

Standard High School Certification with no minor required.

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

- ENG 2205 - Introduction to Literary Studies. Credits: 3
- ENG 2601 - Backgrounds of Western Literature. Credits: 3
- ENG 2901 - Structure of English. 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 4801 - Integrating the English Language Arts. Credits: 3
- ENG 4903 - Young Adult Literature. Credits: 3

One additional course in writing, chosen from:

- ENG 2760 - Introduction to Professional Writing. Credits: 3
- ENG 3001 - Advanced Composition. Credits: 3
- ENG 3002 - Research Writing for Literary Studies. Credits: 3
- ENG 3005 - Technical Communication. Credits: 3
- Any 4000-level course in creative writing (note prerequisites).

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

- ENG 3705 - American Multicultural Literatures. Credits: 3

One additional course, chosen from:

Courses in Group 5 when so designated by the Department Chair in consultation with the instructor.

ENG 2705 - African-American Literature. Credits: 3

ENG 2850 - Postcolonial Literatures in English. Credits: 3

ENG 4750 - Studies in African-American Literature. Credits: 3

ENG 4850 - Studies in Third World Literatures. Credits: 3

Group 3 - Breadth in Historical Literary Studies (15 credits).

A. Literature before 1800. Two of:

Courses in Group 5 when so designated by the Department Chair in consultation with the instructor.

ENG 3604, 1 - Special Topics in Literature and Language: Literature Before 1800. Credits: 3

ENG 3700 - American Literature: 1450 to 1800. Credits: 3

ENG 3800 - Medieval British Literature. Credits: 3

ENG 3803 - Renaissance and Seventeenth-Century British Literature. Credits: 3

ENG 3805 - Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature.

Credits: 3

B. Nineteenth Century. One of:

Courses in Group 5 when so designated by the Department Chair in consultation with the instructor.

ENG 3604, 2 - Special Topics in Literature and Language: Nineteenth Century. Credits: 3

ENG 3701 - American Literature: 1800 to Mid-19th Century. Credits: 3

ENG 3702 - American Literature: Mid-19th Century to 1900. Credits: 3

ENG 3806 - British Romantic Literature. Credits: 3

ENG 3807 - Victorian Literature. Credits: 3

C. Twentieth Century and After. One of:

Courses in Group 5 when so designated by the Department Chair in consultation with the instructor.

ENG 3604, 3 - Special Topics in Literature and Language: Twentieth Century and After. Credits: 3

ENG 3703 - American Literature: 1900 to 1950. Credits: 3

ENG 3704 - American Literature: 1950 to present. Credits: 3

ENG 3808 - Twentieth-Century British Literature. Credits: 3

ENG 3809 - Contemporary British and Anglophone Literatures. Credits: 3

D. Major Author Study. One of:

Courses in Group 5 when so designated by the Department Chair in consultation with the instructor.

ENG 3601 - Studies in Major Writers. Credits: 3

ENG 3801 - Chaucer. Credits: 3

ENG 3802 - Shakespeare. Credits: 3

ENG 3804 - Milton. Credits: 3

Group 4 - Capstone Courses (6 credits)

ENG 4300 - Senior Seminar. Credits: 3

OR ENG 4390 - Senior Seminar, Honors. Credits: 3

ENG 4775 - Studies in Literary and Cultural Criticism and Theory.

Credits: 3

OR ENG 4950 - Literary History. Credits: 3

English Electives (6 credits)

Two additional courses in English, chosen from any of the above or from Group 5. General Education courses are excluded, except for 3009G/3099G. 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.

Group 5 English Electives

- ENG 2001 - Creative Writing: Nonfiction. Credits: 3
- ENG 2003 - Creative Writing: Poetry. Credits: 3
- ENG 2005 - Creative Writing: Drama. Credits: 3
- ENG 2007 - Creative Writing: Fiction. Credits: 3
- ENG 2602 - World Literature since the Renaissance. Credits: 3
- ENG 2603 - Greek and Roman Mythology. Credits: 3
- ENG 2692 - World Literature since the Renaissance, Honors.
Credits: 3
- ENG 2705 - African-American Literature. Credits: 3
- ENG 2760 - Introduction to Professional Writing. Credits: 3
- ENG 3005 - Technical Communication. Credits: 3
- ENG 3009G - Myth and Culture. Credits: 3
- ENG 3099G - Myth and Culture, Honors. Credits: 3
- ENG 3405 - Children's Literature. Credits: 3
- ENG 3504 - Film and Literature. Credits: 3
- ENG 3600 - The Bible as Literature. Credits: 3
- ENG 3604, 4 - Special Topics in Literature and Language: English Elective. Credits: 3
- ENG 3606 - Modern Drama. Credits: 3
- ENG 3706 - American Regional Literature. Credits: 3
- ENG 3901 - Language and Linguistics. Credits: 3
- ENG 3907 - Asian Literatures. Credits: 3
- ENG 3970 - Study Abroad. Credits: 1 to 15
- ENG 4275 - Internship in Professional Writing. Credits: 4
- ENG 4750 - Studies in African-American Literature. Credits: 3
- ENG 4752 - Studies in Drama. Credits: 3
- ENG 4760 - Studies in Professional Writing Credits: 3
- ENG 4761 - Creative Nonfiction Writing Credits: 3
- ENG 4762 - Poetry Writing. Credits: 3
- ENG 4763 - Fiction Writing. Credits: 3
- ENG 4764 - Play Writing. Credits: 3
- ENG 4901 - History of the English Language. Credits: 3
- ENG 4905 - Studies in Children's Literature. Credits: 3
- ENG 4906 - Problems in the Teaching of English. Credits: 3