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B.A. in English: Literature Emphasis with Secondary Education Interest

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

What Is the English: Literature with Secondary Education Interest Major?

The English Major—Literature Emphasis with Secondary Education Interest engages students in reflective reading, creative inquiry, critical analysis, effective expression, and creative writing. The study of literature, linguistics, and writing prepares graduates to pursue a career as middle school or high school English teachers. This major leads to a BA degree *without* teacher certification. In order to receive a recommendation for state of Washington certification students must also complete a “teacher certification” program, one of which is offered by the Department of Secondary Education. (See the *Secondary Education* section of the catalog for program admission, completion, and teacher certification requirements.) Students seeking teacher certification are advised that the careful selection of English courses within the English Literature major and the addition of one 5 credit English course are necessary in order to meet requirements for the English Language Arts—Secondary endorsement. *Students must meet with the secondary education academic advisor in the English department to complete a plan of study*

Why Should I Consider This Major?

English is one of the central liberal arts degrees. A background in English provides graduates with a sound basis for pursuing various careers, including law, business, education, publishing and government, as well as graduate work in language, literary and cultural studies, and writing.

How to Declare:

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Department Degree Coordinator early in their careers at Western; students must declare their major by the start of their junior year. Though we cannot guarantee immediate enrollment in the major or access to any specific class, we matriculate students into the major on a rolling basis as space is available and offer a wide variety of topics each term.

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Mid-Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor’s of Arts degree in English within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

Coursework:

Complete ENG 101.
Complete ENG 202 or 203.

Other Activities:

Declare or apply for major.
Consult your major advisor about what courses can be accepted as equivalents to your major courses.

Contact Information:

English Department Website:
<http://www.wvu.edu/depts/english/index.shtml>

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Sample Careers:

Law
Business
Education
Author
Government
Middle School Teacher
Secondary School Teacher
Publishing
Graduate work in language
Graduate work in Literary
and Cultural Studies



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Major Requirements: 65 Credits

Prerequisites: ENG 202 or ENG 203 or clearance

Required courses:

ENG 313 History of Critical and Cultural Theory (5)

ENG 350 Introduction to Creative Writing (5)

ENG 370 Introduction to Language (5) (*Students who earn a grade of 3.0 or better in Linguistics 201 may substitute a 300 or 400-level English course under advisement for English 370.*)

ENG 418 Senior Seminar (5) WP3

ENGL 436 The Structure of English (5)

ENG 443 Teaching English Language Arts in the Secondary Schools I (5) WP3

ENG 444 Teaching English Language Arts in the Secondary Schools II (5)

Choose four of the following:

ENG 307 Literature and Culture I: Pre-16th Century (5)

ENG 308 Literature and Culture II: 16th and 17th Centuries (5)

ENG 309 Literature and Culture III: 18th and 19th Centuries (5)

ENG 310 Literature and Culture IV: 19th and 20th Centuries (5)

ENG 311 Literature and Culture V: 20th and 21st Centuries (5)

Choose one of the following:

ENG 301 Writing Studies (5) WP3

ENG 302 Introduction to Technical and Professional Writing (5) WP3

ENG 401 Senior Seminar in Writing and Rhetoric (5) WP3

Choose one of the following:

ENG 347 Studies in Young Adult Literature (5)

ENG 441 Children's literature for the Elementary and Middle School Teacher (5)

These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.

BCOM: ENG 202, ENG 203

WP: Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.

Other English Options:

BA in English: Creative Writing Emphasis (58-60 credits)

B.A. in English: Literature Emphasis (60 credits)

BA in Ed in English—Elementary Education (45 credits plus 107 credits for Elementary Education Professional program)

Minor in Creative Writing (25 credits)

Minor in English (25 credits)

Minor in Film Studies (23-25 credits)

Minor in Women's Literature (25 credits)

Minor in Writing and Rhetoric Studies (25 credits)