

ENGLISH - 5-YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS AND MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

The Department of English offers a five-year combined degree program that provides the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Arts in English.

In this program, the undergraduate degree requirements are slightly modified to require more theory and methods courses in an effort to prepare students for the more rigorous masters-level coursework.

At the completion of the degree, students are well-prepared to apply for doctoral programs in English and related humanities, positions teaching composition, and editorial and other writing-centered employment.

Students interested in this program will apply during the fall of their junior year and, if admitted, begin taking masters-level courses in the fall of their senior year with an undergraduate classification.

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ENGL 303	Approaches to English Studies	3
Select one of the following: ¹		3
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	
COMM 203	Public Speaking	
COMM 205	Communication for Technical Professions	
COMM 243	Argumentation and Debate	
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Foreign language ²		4
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3
Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		
ENGL 203	Writing about Literature ¹	3
Foreign language ²		4
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) ³		3
General elective ⁴		3
Semester Credit Hours		16

Second Year

Fall		
Select one of the following:		3

ENGL 221/ MODL 221	World Literature	
ENGL 227	American Literature: The Beginnings to Civil War	
ENGL 231	Survey of English Literature I	
ENGL 313	Medieval English Literature	
ENGL 314	The English Renaissance	
ENGL 315	Seventeenth-Century Literature	
ENGL 317	Early British Drama	
ENGL 353	History of Rhetoric	
ENGL 412	Studies in Shakespeare	
ENGL 414	Milton	
ENGL 431	Chaucer	
Foreign language ²		3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
English elective ⁵		3
General elective ⁴		3
General elective ⁴		3
Semester Credit Hours		18

Spring

Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 222/ MODL 222	World Literature	
ENGL 232	Survey of English Literature II	
ENGL 316	Eighteenth-Century Literature and Culture	
ENGL 321	Nineteenth-Century Literature (Romantic)	
ENGL 322	Nineteenth-Century Literature (Victorian)	
ENGL 323	The American Renaissance	
ENGL 373	American Realism and Naturalism	
ENGL 375	Nineteenth-Century American Novel	
ENGL 377	The British Novel to 1870.	
Foreign language ²		3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
General elective ⁴		3
General elective ⁴		3
Semester Credit Hours		18

Third Year

Fall		
ENGL 308	History of Literary Criticism	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 228	American Literature: Civil War to Present	
ENGL 305	Texas Literature	
ENGL 336	Life and Literature of the Southwest	
ENGL 337	Life and Literature of the American South	
ENGL 340	Modern and Contemporary Drama	
ENGL 350	Twentieth-Century Literature to World War II	

ENGL 352	Literature, World War II to Present.	
ENGL 356/ FILM 356	Literature and Film	
ENGL 372	American Poetry	
ENGL 376	The American Novel Since 1900	
ENGL 378	The British Novel, 1870 to Present.	
ENGL 379/ AFST 379	Postcolonial Literatures	
ENGL 401	Contemporary Literary Theory	
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) ³		3
General elective ⁴		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
ENGL 354 or ENGL 401	Modern Rhetorical Theory or Contemporary Literary Theory	3
ENGL 481	Senior Seminar	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 204/ AFST 204	Introduction to African-American Literature	
ENGL 205/ AFST 205	Introduction to Africana Literature	
ENGL 306	Transnational Literature and Culture	
ENGL 329/ AFST 329	African-American Literature Pre-1930	
ENGL 333/ WGST 333	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Literatures	
ENGL 338	American Ethnic Literature	
ENGL 339/ AFST 339	African-American Literature Post-1930	
ENGL 357	Native American Rhetorics and Literatures	
ENGL 362/ HISP 362	Latino/a Literature	
ENGL 374/ WGST 374	Women Writers	
ENGL 391	Folklore, Literature, and World Cultures	
ENGL 393/ AFST 393	Studies in Africana Literature and Culture	
ENGL 474/ WGST 474	Studies in Women Writers	
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
General elective ⁴		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Summer		
General elective ⁴		3
General elective ⁴		3
Semester Credit Hours		6

Fourth Year**Fall**

ENGL 603	Bibliography and Literary Research	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Graduate coursework elective ⁶		3
General elective ⁴		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

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Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3
Graduate coursework elective ⁶		3
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General elective ⁴		1
Semester Credit Hours		13

Fifth Year**Fall**

ENGL 691	Research	3
Graduate coursework elective ⁷		3
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Semester Credit Hours		9

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ENGL 691	Research	3
Graduate coursework elective ⁷		3
Graduate coursework elective ⁷		3
Semester Credit Hours		9
Total Semester Credit Hours		150

¹ Must make grade of C or better.² Complete 14 hours of a foreign language (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/>) through the intermediate level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See academic advisor.³ At least 3 hours must be in MATH. Three hours may be PHIL 240.⁴ Select from any 100-499 course not used elsewhere (except ENGL 100-299 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/engl/>)). Up to 18 hours of ENGL 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/engl/>) courses may be used.⁵ Select from ENGL 100-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/engl/>) (except ENGL 104 and ENGL 203), LING 200-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ling/>).⁶ Select from ENGL 608, ENGL 610/LING 610, ENGL 613, ENGL 618, ENGL 634, ENGL 650, ENGL 654/COMM 654, ENGL 655/COMM 655, and ENGL 671. Each course can only be taken once for credit.⁷ Select from ENGL 600-699 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/engl/>) (excluding ENGL 691), LING 600-699 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/ling/>)

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A grade of C or higher is required for a course to be counted in the major. For residency, a student must have at least 12 hours in 300- or 400-level English classes from Texas A&M University.

The program includes a total of 150 hours, of which up to 0 hours of graduate-level coursework may be applied toward both the Bachelor of Arts in English and the Master of Arts in English (thesis).

College and University Requirements

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a Core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

Other courses may qualify for the following categories. All courses are to be selected with the approval of the student's academic advisor. The courses incorporate University Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/>) requirements. No course can be counted in more than one category, except as allowed in the minor field of study and the International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) and Cultural Discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) graduation requirements. A minimum of 36 hours of 300- or 400-level coursework must be completed at Texas A&M University, with at least 12 of those hours being in the major.