

ENGLISH - BA, MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER CERTIFICATION

The Department of English offers a degree and certification program in English language arts/reading for prospective middle-school teachers. This program requires hours of major coursework in English, and hours of supporting specialized coursework in specific areas of educational planning and teaching. This certification is a field-based program that requires students spend extensive time in middle schools. Students in the degree program specialize in teaching-specific subjects, cultivate excellent communication skills, and develop an understanding of the social and intellectual development of children.

All students seeking certification should consult an undergraduate English advisor for additional information.

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall	Semester Credit Hours
ENGL 303 Approaches to English Studies	3
INST 210 Understanding Special Populations	3
Select one of the following: ¹	3
COMM 203 Public Speaking	
COMM 205 Communication for Technical Professions	
COMM 243 Argumentation and Debate	
ENGL 104 Composition and Rhetoric	
ENGL 210 Technical and Professional Writing	
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Foreign language ²	4
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
English elective ⁴	3
Semester Credit Hours	16

Second Year

Fall	Semester Credit Hours
INST 222 Foundations of Education in a Multicultural Society	3
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
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
English elective ⁴	3

Semester Credit Hours

18

Spring

RDNG 371 Multicultural and Interdisciplinary Literature for Middle Grades	3
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.	
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	
Foreign language ²	3

Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) ³	3

Semester Credit Hours 18

Third Year

Fall

RDNG 372	Reading and Writing across the Middle Grades Curriculum	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
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
English elective ⁴		3
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Spring

EDCI 354	Early Childhood and Adolescent Curriculum and Lesson Design ¹	3
ENGL 481	Senior Seminar	3
RDNG 373	Foundational Skills of Language Comprehension for Elementary Students	3
TEFB 371	Dynamics and Management in Multicultural/Inclusionary Learning Environments ¹	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	

Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)	3
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Fourth Year

Fall

INST 362	English as a Second Language Methods I ¹	3
MEFB 452	Curriculum and Instruction for Middle Grades ¹	3
RDNG 470	Reading/Language Arts Methods in Middle Grades Education	3
RDNG 490	Assessment in Reading Instruction in Middle Grades	3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3

Semester Credit Hours 15

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MEFB 497	Supervised Clinical Teaching ¹	6
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Semester Credit Hours 6

Total Semester Credit Hours 125

¹ Minimum grade of C required.

² Complete 14 hours of a foreign language (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/>) 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 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/>).

Up to 36 credits in English can be applied to the degree; at least 21 credits must be in literature. 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.

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 following lists incorporate 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.