

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		Semester Credit Hours
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		Semester Credit Hours
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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Semester Credit Hours 18

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

Spring

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.