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

Semester Credit Hours 16

Spring
RDNG 371Multicultural and Interdisciplinary Literature for Middle Grades 3
Select one of the following: 3
ENGL 222/ MODL 222 World Literature 3
ENGL 232 Survey of English Literature II 3
ENGL 316 Eighteenth-Century Literature and Culture 3
ENGL 321 Nineteenth-Century Literature (Romantic) 3
ENGL 322 Nineteenth-Century Literature (Victorian) 3
ENGL 323 The American Renaissance 3
ENGL 373 American Realism and Naturalism 3
ENGL 375 Nineteenth-Century American Novel 3
ENGL 377 The British Novel to 1870 3
Select one of the following: 3
ENGL 228 American Literature: Civil War to Present 3
ENGL 305 Texas Literature 3
ENGL 336 Life and Literature of the Southwest 3
ENGL 337 Life and Literature of the American South 3
ENGL 340 Modern and Contemporary Drama 3
ENGL 350 Twentieth-Century Literature to World War II 3
ENGL 352 Literature, World War II to Present 3
ENGL 356/ FILM 356 Literature and Film 3
ENGL 372 American Poetry 3
ENGL 376 The American Novel Since 1900 3
ENGL 378 The British Novel, 1870 to Present 3
ENGL 379/ AFST 379 Postcolonial Literatures 3
ENGL 401 Contemporary Literary Theory 3

Semester Credit Hours 18

Second Year
Fall
INST 222 Foundations of Education in a Multicultural Society 3
Select one of the following: 3
ENGL 221/ MODL 221 World Literature 3

Semester Credit Hours 16

ENGL 227 American Literature: The Beginnings to Civil War 3
ENGL 231 Survey of English Literature I 3
ENGL 313 Medieval English Literature 3
ENGL 314 The English Renaissance 3
ENGL 315 Seventeenth-Century Literature 3
ENGL 317 Early British Drama 3
ENGL 353 History of Rhetoric 3
ENGL 412 Studies in Shakespeare 3
ENGL 414 Milton 3
ENGL 431 Chaucer 3
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

1. Select one of the following:
   - COMM 203 Public Speaking
   - COMM 205 Communication for Technical Professions
   - COMM 243 Argumentation and Debate

2. Foreign language

3. Select one of the following:
   - American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)
   - Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)
   - Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)

4. English elective

The above requirements are subject to change and may vary depending on the specific degree or certification program offered by the Department of English. It is important to consult an undergraduate English advisor for the most up-to-date information.
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

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**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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Total Semester Credit Hours 18

**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

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

INST 362 English as a Second Language Methods 1 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

Total Semester Credit Hours 15

**Spring**

MEFB 497 Supervised Clinical Teaching 1 1 6

Total Semester Credit Hours 6

1. Minimum grade of C required.
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 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-info/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-info/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.