

English Option III: English Subject Matter

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The Major

The undergraduate English Major—consisting of the Literature, Creative Writing, English Subject Matter, Honors, and Contract options—is designed for students who desire to concentrate in one of the different fields subsumed under the broader category of “English.” Students are required to choose one of these options at the time they declare their English major.

The Major for English Subject Matter Candidates is a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing state-approved program. It is the option in the English Major designed for students who wish to prepare for a career in teaching English at the junior high or high school level. To be eligible for the School of Education, a student must have subject matter competency. Students must complete the equivalent of the CSUN English Subject Matter Major with a GPA of 2.99 or better, successfully complete the Culminating Interview in which they are interviewed by two members of the English Department. No grade less than “C” will be acceptable for those courses which constitute the core in the English Subject Matter Major. Students must also complete 20 hours of Early Field Experience and perform acceptably on the Mechanics and Conventions Usage Assessment. It is recommended that all students, especially Transfer students, seek advisement as soon as possible with the English Subject Matter Adviser.

For more information on the program, see the 2004-2006 University Catalog.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

Note: Beginning Fall 2005 the English Subject Matter Requirements will be changing. The new requirements will be posted as soon as they become available.

Lower Division Required Courses (9 units)

ENGL 258 Major English Writers I
ENGL 259 Major English Writers II
ENGL 275 Major American Writers

Upper Division Required Courses (36 units)

A. Critical Writing (3 units)

ENGL 355: Writing About Literature

B. Literatures of Cultural Diversity (3 units)

Select one of the following:

ENGL 311 African-American Writing
ENGL 314 History of North Am Indian Lit
ENGL 368 Gay Male Writers
ENGL 369 Lesbian Writers
ENGL 371 Issues in Jewish-Am Writing
ENGL 431 Images of Women in Literature
ENGL 433 Women Authors
ENGL 434 19th-Century Women Novelists
ENGL 487 Latino/a Literature

**Consult an advisor for courses in other areas such as Asian Am and Chicano/a lit that may also satisfy this requirement.*

C. Literary Theory (3 units)

ENGL 436 Major Critical Theories

D. Linguistics and Language Study (6 units)

Select two of the following:

ENGL 301 Language and Linguistics
ENGL 302 Introduction to Modern Grammar
ENGL 405 Language Differences and Language Change

E. Advanced Composition & Adolescent Literature (6 units)

ENGL 406 Advanced Expository Writing for Teachers
ENGL 429 Adolescent Literature

F. Literature (6 units)

Select two of the following:

ENGL 414 Chaucer
ENGL 416 Shakespeare, Selected Plays
ENGL 417 Shakespeare Survey
ENGL 418 English Drama to 1642
ENGL 419 English Drama 1660-1880
ENGL 420 Milton
ENGL 443 English Lit of the Middle Ages
ENGL 449 The English Renaissance
ENGL 452 17th Century Literature
ENGL 456 The Age of Enlightenment
ENGL 458 The Romantic Age
ENGL 460 The Victorian Age
ENGL 466 Major British Novelists I
ENGL 467 Major British Novelists II
ENGL 473 American Literature 1607-1860
ENGL 474 American Literature 1860-1912
ENGL 477 Major Am Novelists I: 19th C.
ENGL 427 Drama, Ibsen to the Present
ENGL 461 Modern British Literatures
ENGL 462 Contemporary British Lit
ENGL 463A Modern Poetry
ENGL 463B Contemporary Poetry
ENGL 468 Major British Novelists III
ENGL 475 American Lit 1912-1945
ENGL 476 Contemporary American Lit
ENGL 478 Major Am Novelists II: 20th C.

G. Senior Seminar (3 units)

ENGL 495 Senior Seminar in Literature

H. Upper Division Electives (6 units)

English 300, 305, 316, 364 are **not** permitted as electives in this option.

Total Units in the Major Option III: (45)

General Education (49 units)

To meet the 52-unit GE requirement, students may double count 3 units from the lower division major requirements (258, 259, 275) for both GE-Humanities and for the major.

Title V (6 units)

Additional Units (20 units)*

*Additional units may vary based on the individual student's program.

Students majoring in English are encouraged to take a foreign language as part of their college program.

Total Units Required for the Degree: 120

English Option III: English Subject Matter Course Sequencing Sample

FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 155, Freshman Composition, A-1	1. English 258, 259, 275 (choose one)
2. LD GE, Math, A-3	2. LD GE, Oral Communication, A-4
3. LD GE _____	3. LD GE, Critical Thinking, A-2
4. LD GE _____	4. LD GE _____
5. LD GE _____	5. LD GE _____

***Major advisement:** Students must enroll in 155 during their first semester. English 258, 259, and 275 should be completed in the first two years. ***General advisement:** Students must enroll in math A-3 during the first semester. Title V requirements should be completed by the end of the first two years.

SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 258, 259, 275 (choose one)	1. English 258, 259, 275 (choose one)
2. Title V _____	2. Title V _____
3. LD GE _____	3. LD GE _____
4. LD GE _____	4. LD GE _____
5. LD GE _____	5. LD GE _____

***Major advisement:** English 355 should be completed in either the 2nd semester of the 2nd year, or the 1st semester of the 3rd year.

THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	THIRD YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 355	1. English 436: Major Critical Theories
2. Literatures of Cultural Diversity	2. English 406: Advanced Expository Writing for Teachers
3. Linguistics and Language Study	3. Linguistics and Language Study
4. Extended Study Course	4. UD GE: COMS 309
5. LD GE _____	5. Extended Study Course

***Major advisement:** English 436 and literatures of cultural diversity should be completed by the end of the 3rd year. English 406 should be completed the second semester of the 3rd year. Two Linguistics courses and English 429 may be taken at any time during the 3rd and 4th year.

FOURTH YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	FOURTH YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 429: Adolescent Literature	1. English 495ESM: Senior Seminar in Literature
2. English 416 or 417	2. Extended Study Course
3. Extended Study Course	3. Elective _____
4. UD GE: TH 473 or 473L	4. Elective _____
5. UD GE _____	5. Elective _____

***Major advisement:** English 495ESM, Senior Seminar, requires senior status. ***General advisement:** In addition to all GE, Title V, and major requirements, students will need elective credits to complete the 120 units required for graduation. COMS 309 and TH 473/473L may double count for Upper Division GE and Upper Division Collateral requirements. **This course sequencing sample is based on an average semester enrollment of 15 units.**