English - English Education Option, B.A.

DEPARTMENT

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MN in English, Minor
MA in English - Literature Option, M.A.
MA in English-Literature & Composition Theory Option, M.A.
MFA in Creative Writing, M.F.A.
BA in English - English Major Option, B.A.
MN in Creative Writing, Minor
BA in English - English Education Option, B.A.
MA in English-Rhetoric and Writing Studies Option, M.A.
CERT in Composition, Certificate of Adv. Study
CRED in Single Subject Credential - English

Courses Offered

Certificate of Special Study in Creative Writing

English is a general major or minor designed to give proficiency in skills that traditionally have been among the most highly prized by society: an ability to read with comprehension and critical judgment; to communicate accurately and clearly both orally and in writing; to grasp difficult ideas and think logically; to do research and organize materials; to make ethical and moral judgments from an historical and humanistic framework; and to appreciate literature and the arts.

The core of the English major consists of four basic kinds of courses in the upper division: literary history courses, literary genre courses, literacy seminars, and writing courses. The masterpiece courses apply to the minor and may meet General Education requirements. The department also offers courses in mythology and folklore, methods of research, film, and women's studies.

The Subject Matter Program for teaching credential candidates contains a number of specific prerequisites and special required courses, some of which are outside the Department of English. For specific program requirements, consult with the credential adviser each semester.

Please note: The Composition Theory Option has been suspended as of May 2015.

REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

English Major - Education Option

The English Education Option for the English major at Fresno State is designed to help prepare future middle and high school English teachers. Through this California state-approved program, students may demonstrate the English Language Arts subject matter competency required for entrance into a post-baccalaureate single subject teaching credential program.

Majors with this option complete core English courses; courses in subjects related to language arts education such as drama, speech communication, and linguistics; and chose one area of Extended Studies from the following emphases:

- Composition and Rhetoric
- Creative Writing
- Linguistics (Language Awareness or TESL)
- Literature
- Speech
- Theater
In addition to the major program requirements, General Education (G.E.) requirements and electives are required to fulfill the 120-unit degree.

1. English Education major requirements (57-59 units)

   Lower-division core (8 units)
   ENGL 31, 32

   Core competencies (8 units)
   ENGL 105 and 189 (or approved topics course in Shakespeare)

   English Education Option coursework (41-43 units)

   Electives and remaining degree requirements (10-12 units)
   may be used toward a double major or minor

   • Additional degree requirement: Two college-level courses in the same foreign language.

2. General Education requirements (49 units)

3. Other requirements (6 units)

4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)

5. Total units (120)*

   * G.E. and MI courses can be double-counted with major requirements. The writing requirement may be met by taking the upper-division writing exam. See advisor for details.

English Education Option coursework (Subject Matter Program)

The following 28 units are required of all English credential majors regardless of extended studies emphasis.

ENGL 131 (4 units)
ENGL 132S (4 units)
LING 141 (3 units)
DRAMA 138A (3 units)
COMM 103, 105, 114, or 115 (3 units of 115 are required) (3 units)
ENGL 167 or 112 (4 units)
ENGL 193T or 194T (4 units)
Literature of Diversity (4 units)
Select one approved course: ENGL 112, 113, 114, 141, 142, 143, 144, 178, 179, 193T (selected topics), 194T
Total (29 units)

Extended Studies (12-14 units)
Select one of the following English education major extended studies emphases.

Literature Emphasis (12 units)

   ---- American Literature (4 units) ----
   Select one (not used for any other requirement): ENGL 153, 154, 155, 179, other approved upper-division American literature course

   ---- Literature electives (8 units) ----
   Select a minimum of two approved courses: ENGL 112, 113, 114, 115W, 116, 141, 142, 143, 144, 146, 147, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 167, 168T, 169T, 171, 176T, 177, 178, 179, 181, 183T, 184, 187, 193T, 194T

Composition and Rhetoric Emphasis (14 units)
Select two: COMM 105, 140, 142
Select two: ENGL 181, 175T (Tutoring), 175T (Comp. Theory) or other approved courses

Creative Writing Emphasis (12 units)
Select two: ENGL 41, 43, 44 (8 units)
Select one: ENGL 161, 163, 164
to complete one of the following sequences (4 units)
ENGL 41 and 161
ENGL 43 and 163
ENGL 44 and 164

**Linguistics Emphasis (12 units)**
LING 100 (3 units)
LING 146 (3 units)

Select two courses in ONE of the following sequences: (6 units)
Language Awareness Strand: LING 132, 138, 139, 142, 143, 144, 145, 148
OR
Teaching English as a Second Language Strand: LING 132, 147, 155, 165, 171

**Theatre Emphasis (14 units)**
DRAMA 32 or 33 (3 units)
DRAMA 34* (3 units)
DRAMA 110* (3 units)
DRAMA 185 or 186 (3 units)
DRAMA 115 (2 units)

*Requires DRAMA 115 to be taken concurrently.

**Speech Emphasis (12 units)**
Select two: COMM 3, 5, 7, 8 (6 units)
Select two: COMM 108, 162, 164 (6 units)

**Advising Notes**

1. The major in English Education is a California state-approved program preparing students for a career teaching English Language Arts at the middle and high school level. The program includes core courses in the English major and additional courses in English Education. Students also choose one extended studies emphasis from the following areas: Creative Writing, Composition and Rhetoric, Speech, Theater Education, and Linguistics.
2. Courses within the major cannot fulfill two requirements.
3. Courses may double-count in G.E. and extended studies emphasis.
4. Recommended G.E. courses for all English credential majors are as follows:
   - G.E. Area C1 - DRAMA 22, 62
   - G.E. Area C2 - LING 10 or foreign language courses
   - G.E. Area E - DRAMA 32
   - G.E. Area IC - DRAMA 163; PHIL 120, 150 or 151
   - G.E. Area ID - MCJ 178
   - G.E. Area MI - LING 147
5. To demonstrate Subject Matter Competency in the state of California through the Fresno State English Education major, students must
   - receive grades of either A or B in ENGL 105, 131, and 193/194T;
   - complete and earn the B.A. in English Education with an average 3.0 GPA or better in subject matter (major) coursework; and
   - complete and pass a reflective portfolio and interview process covering four state-mandated areas of English Education.
6. To be eligible to enter the Fresno State Credential Program in the Kremen School of Education, students must
   - earn a bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.) with an overall GPA of 2.67 (including major and General Education Coursework);
   - provide evidence of successful completion of an appropriate pre-program field experience or EHD 50: Introduction to Teaching; and
   - complete CI 149: Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology in Secondary Classroom exam should make an appointment with a credential advisor to obtain a list of additional requirements.
7. Provide evidence of English Language Arts Subject Matter Competency, either through a California state-approved program of coursework such as Fresno State's major in English Education OR by passing the state CSET exam in English.
The English Department consists of 26 full-time faculty whose teaching fields cover every area of literary studies and the humanities, including film and folklore. Most of the faculty have published books, textbooks, and articles in their disciplines, five have received outstanding teaching awards at the university, and one has received an outstanding teaching award for the entire CSU system. In addition, the faculty includes a number of lecturers, part-time instructors and teaching assistants, and the department operates an English writing lab staffed by tutors trained to work with students on an individual basis.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.