

ENGLISH

Department of English

School of Arts and Humanities

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Program Description

Study in the Department of English leads to an understanding and appreciation of British, American and other literatures in English, and of the English language, its aesthetic and functional properties, its uses, and the methods by which impressions and ideas are articulated and communicated.

The BA in English emphasizes in-depth study of the nature of the English language, the British, American and other literary traditions, creative writing, and critical approaches to literature. The Department of English offers a BA in English with two emphases: The English Major in Language and Literature (EMLL) and the English Major with Credential Emphasis (EMCE). The EMLL program offers both breadth and flexibility in preparation for diverse career opportunities, while the EMCE provides subject matter preparation for prospective English Language Arts teachers.

The department also offers a minor in English Literature, a minor in Linguistics, and a minor in Children's Literature. In addition, the department has two post-baccalaureate certificates, in Writing and in Children's Literature.

The Intensive English Language Center (IELC) offers a language immersion program into American English. The noncredit program offers daily instruction in reading/vocabulary, writing/grammar, and listening/speaking. TOEFL preparation is available.

Program Goals and Objectives

Linguistics (EMLL and EMCE)

- Linguistic Description: Students will be able to describe the grammar of English.

Composition (EMLL and EMCE)

- Writing Conventions: Students will be able to compose texts that conform to the conventions of a particular genre as well as the rules of standard written English.
- Expository Writing: Students will be able to compose expository essays that demonstrate cohesion and clarity.

Literature (EMLL and EMCE)

- Literary Analysis: Students will be able to analyze literary texts using evidence from the primary texts themselves.
- Applying Critical Theory: Students will be able to apply specific critical approaches to literary works.
- Researching Criticism: Students will be able to survey the existing criticism on any literary text.
- Creative Writing: Students will be able to compose poetry, fiction, or drama.

Pedagogy (EMCE only)

- Theoretical Foundations: Students will be able to describe theoretical foundations essential to teaching and learning in the high school English Language Arts classroom.
- Pedagogical Skills: Students will be able to assess pedagogical skills essential to teaching and learning in the high school English Language Arts classroom.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in English: English Major in Language and Literature (EMLL)

Total Units Required for Graduation	120 units
Major Requirements	49 units
Lower Division	16
Upper Division	33
General Education Requirements	38-54 units
First-Year Seminar	2
LD Area A Foundational Skills	12
LD Area B Natural Sciences	6
LD Area C Arts and Humanities	6
LD Area D Social and Behavioral Sciences	6
American Institutions	6
SELF	0-3*
Junior Year Diversity Requirement	0-3*
UD Thematic Areas B and D	0-6*
Capstone	0-1*
GWAR (Exam) or Class	0-3*
Additional Units	17-33 units

*The SELF requirement may double count with B, C, or D. JYDR may be satisfied in major, minor or other university requirement. Students are waived from UD area of their program. GWAR may be satisfied with waiver exam. Capstone may be satisfied within the senior seminar.

Requirements for the English Major in Language and Literature (EMLL)

Lower Division (16 units)

Note: Students must complete a minimum of 9 units of the lower-division courses in the major before enrolling in upper-division courses in the major.

1. ENGL 1109
2. ENGL 1208 or the equivalent
3. ENGL 2208 or 2210 or 2220
4. ENGL 2308 or 2310 or 2408
5. Elective (may count toward Optional Emphasis; see below). Any lower-division literature, linguistics, or creative writing course.
6. ENGL 2000

Upper Division (33 units)

1. ENGL 3000
2. ENGL 3128
3. Select one: ENGL 3600 or 4650
4. **Literature before 1800**
Select one: ENGL 3300 or 3320 or 3350
5. **Major Writers**
Select one: ENGL 3310 or 3330 or 3340
6. **Gender and/or Ethnicity**
Select one: ENGL 3220, 3248, 3230, 3250, or 3410
7. Select one: ENGL 3200 or 3210
- 8, 9, 10. **Electives:** Select three. Two electives may count toward an optional emphasis (see below). One elective must focus on literature after 1800. Any other upper-division courses in literature, linguistics, creative writing or film studies that are not counted toward other core requirements may be taken as electives, including ENGL 4708, 4710 which may be repeated for different content.
11. **Senior Seminar**
ENGL 4908
12. **Optional Practicum**
ENGL 4800

EMLL OPTIONAL SPECIALIZATION (9 units)

You may choose to count one lower-division and two upper-division electives toward the optional emphasis. ENGL 4708 and/or 4710 may also count toward the optional emphasis when course content is deemed appropriate by the department chair.

1. **World Literature Specialization:** ENGL 2408, 3400, 3440, 3420, 3268, 3430, and ENGL 4708 and/or 4710 when course content is appropriate.
2. **Children's Literature Specialization:** ENGL 4410, 4420, 4430, and 4440
3. **Ethnic Literature Specialization:** ENGL 2220, 3220, 3230, 3248, 3250, and ENGL 4708 and/or 4710 when course content is appropriate.
4. **Creative Writing Specialization:** ENGL 2100, 4100; (ENGL 4100 may be repeated for different course content.)
5. **Linguistics Specialization:** ENGL 3600, 3610, 3650, 4600, 4610, 4620, 4630, 4649, 4650, 4660
6. **Film Studies Specialization:** ENGL 2518, 3410, 3518
7. **Contract Specialization:** A topic of your choice, to be developed in consultation with an advisor. Examples include medieval literature, early American literature, poetry and poetics, and narrative studies. Dependent on the availability of appropriate courses.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in English: English Major with Credential Emphasis (EMCE)

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) has authorized CSUB to offer a single-subject preparation program in English Language Arts for students who wish to teach in California secondary schools. To prepare prospective teachers according to the state-adopted English Language Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools and the

Reading Language Arts Framework for California Public Schools, EMCE candidates must take all of the following required courses.

Total Units Required for Graduation	120 units
Major Requirements	60 units
Lower Division	22
Upper Division	38
General Education Requirements	38-54 units
First-Year Seminar	2
LD Area A Foundational Skills	12
LD Area B Natural Sciences	6
LD Area C Arts and Humanities	6
LD Area D Social and Behavioral Sciences	6
American Institutions	6
SELF	0-3*
Junior Year Diversity Requirement	0-3*
UD Thematic Areas B and D	0-6*
Capstone	0-1*
GWAR (Exam) or Class	0-3*
Additional Units	6-22 units

Requirements for the English Major with Credential Emphasis (EMCE)

EMCE Program Core Requirements (60 units)

Lower Division (22 units)

1. ENGL 1109 (Satisfies A2 requirement), COMM 1008 (Satisfies A1 requirement), ENGL 2010, 2208, 2210, 2220 (Satisfies Area C2 requirement), ENGL 2308, 2310

Upper Division (38 units)

1. ENGL 3000, 3010, 3128, 3248, 3330, 3420, 3430, 4100, 4430
2. Language (Select one): ENGL/LING 3610 or 4650 and ENGL/LING 3650
3. Journalism: COMM 4160
4. THTR 4460
5. ENGL 4918

EMCE Program Extended Studies (Optional)

To further prepare prospective teachers in the range of subjects required to teach English Language Arts in California, EMCE candidates may also take the following optional courses from any of the following categories:

1. **Literature of Diversity:** ENGL 2220, 3220, 3230, 3248, 3250, and ENGL 4708 and/or 4710 when course content is appropriate.
2. **World Literature and Mythology:** ENGL 2409, 3268, 3400, 3420, 3430, 3440, and ENGL 4708 and/or 4710 when course content is appropriate.
3. **Genre:** ENGL 4510 or 4708 or 4710

Journalism Specialization (Optional) (16 units)

Select five courses from:

1. COMM 3120, 4160
2. Select two: COMM 3130, 3150, 3140

Theatre Specialization (Optional) (15 units)

Select one course from each of the following areas:

1. Acting: THTR 3000, 3010, or 3040
2. Technical Theatre/Design: THTR 3200

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3. Directing: THTR 3050
4. Theatre as Literature: THTR 3108, 3118, 3138
5. Theatre as Production: THTR 2410, 2460, 2470, 4410, 4460, 4470

Requirements for the Minor in English Literature

The minimum requirements for a minor in English Literature are: Four (4) courses in English literature totaling 12 semester units, at the 2000 level or above, at least three of which must be upper division. Courses that satisfy the GWAR, or courses in Linguistics or Children's Literature, do not count towards the minor in English Literature.

Requirements for the Minor in Linguistics

The minor in Linguistics is especially useful for elementary and secondary teachers and for those interested in ESL instruction. It consists of four three-unit courses, ENGL/LING 3610 and three additional upper-division ENGL/LING courses.

Requirements for the Minor in Children's Literature

The minor in Children's Literature indicates the completion of specialized study in children's and young adult literature. The following four courses totaling 12 semester units are required: ENGL 4410, 4420, 4430, and 4440.

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Writing

This certifies the completion of specialized training in writing by those who hold a BA degree or an MA degree, whether or not they are involved in a graduate degree program. Candidates for this certificate must complete with a "B-" or better three specific graduate writing courses, ENGL 5110, 5120, and 5130, and one course chosen from either ENGL 5140 or 5150.

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Children's Literature

This certifies the completion of specialized study in children's and young adult literature by those who hold a BA degree or an MA degree, whether or not they are involved in a graduate degree program. The following four courses totaling 12 semester units are required: ENGL 4410, 4420, 4430, and 4440.

Sigma Tau Delta

The English department is home to the Xi Tau Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, an international honor society for English majors. Juniors, seniors, and graduate students are encouraged to apply. Faculty advisors are Dr. Emerson Case and Dr. Andy Troup.

California Writers Series

Each year the English department sponsors two or more readings by poets and fiction writers living and working in

California. Previous presenters have included Wanda Coleman (Guggenheim and NEA Fellow) and Kay Ryan (Pulitzer Prize winner and former United States Poet Laureate). Faculty contact is Dr. Marit MacArthur.

Lectures in Language and Linguistics

Linguists from universities throughout the state and region come to campus two or more times per year to present lectures on phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. Faculty contact is Dr. Sophia Adjaye.

English Club

Students majoring or minoring in English are welcome to meet in an informal setting to discuss literature, language, classes, and all other aspects of campus life. Meetings are generally held every Friday afternoon. Faculty advisors are Dr. Emerson Case and Dr. Andy Troup.