

# BACHELOR OF ARTS-ENGLISH

The English programs at Texas A&M University-Texarkana afford students the ability to work closely with a small, diverse faculty of dedicated and accomplished teachers and scholars in a curriculum emphasizing literature, writing, literary studies, and language.

The Bachelor of Arts (<http://catalog.tamut.edu/arts-sciences-education/english/ba/>) and Bachelor of Science degrees in English provide students with a strong background in American, British, and World literatures and in literary criticism. The core of the B.A. and B.S. programs in English consists of required survey courses (ENGL 2321, ENGL 2326, and ENGL 2331), ENGL 2360: *Introduction to Literary Studies*, as well as *Advanced American Literature* (ENG 442), *Advanced British Literature* (ENG 472), and *Advanced World Literature* (ENG 445). *Modern English Grammar and Usage* (ENG 320) as well as *History and Structure of the English Language* (ENG 424) provide students with an understanding of the English language's history and development over time as well as contemporary uses while *Advanced Expository Writing* (ENG 340) ensures English majors and minors develop knowledge and skills necessary for successful expression in writing.

Other course offerings build upon this foundational content while allowing for deeper and more meaningful engagement in particular areas of literature, like *Shakespeare and His Contemporaries* (ENG 312), ENG 430: *Studies in Women's Literature*, ENG 305: *Children's Literature*, ENG 306: *Young Adult Literature*, and ENG 450: *Studies in Genre* which can be repeated across the available options (Drama, Essay, International Short Story, and Poetry). Students can develop greater depth in rhetoric and composition through ENG 310: *Rhetoric, Argumentation, and Persuasion* and/or ENG 410: *Writing Processes & Strategies*.

ENG 497: Special Topics allow students to customize their degree plans. English majors also participate in a capstone course, ENG 491, during the semester they graduate.

Within the program, our students certainly develop a pleasure and skill in reading with comprehension and insight. English majors also develop the skill to write effectively and even beautifully. However, while central to the program, these are not the only advantages for our students. The program in English grounds students in language skills and analytic practices allowing our majors to develop tools that not only retain their value, unlike in technical fields, but also transfer easily to specialized work in graduate and professional schools as well as in the workplace. Ultimately, a degree in English is a wonderful portal to careers and advanced degrees in and out of English.

## Career Options

Education: College level, Primary Education, Secondary Education, Private Schools, Teaching English as a Second Language, Tutoring, Educational Administration, Editorial Assistant, Copyediting/Proofreading, Internships, Production, Marketing/Publicity, Publishing, Journalism, Corporate Communications, Public Relations, Digital Media, Creative Writing, Copywriting, Technical Writing, Science Writing, Freelance Writing, and Grant Writing.

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree requires two years of the same foreign language (12 SCH) as part of the general-education requirements. Two years of study in the same foreign language in high school may substitute for the first year (6 SCH) of the same language at the university level. Students may not complete all bachelor's degrees as a BA. See the degree program listing for the programs that allow the BA option.

**The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English requires a Minor.** Both the College of Arts, Sciences & Education and College of Business, Engineering and Technology offer a variety of minors. Please visit each colleges section of the catalog to review the available minors and their requirements.

## Degree Requirements

*Students should refer to their DegreeWorks degree audit in their Web for Students account for more information regarding their degree requirements.*

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Requirements <sup>6</sup></b>		
General Education Requirements ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		42
ENGL 1301	Composition I <sup>8</sup>	3
ENGL 1302 or ENGL 2311	Composition II <sup>8</sup> Technical Writing & Communication	3
ENGL 2321	British Literature <sup>8</sup>	3
ENGL 2326	American Literature <sup>8</sup>	3
ENGL 2331	World Literature <sup>8</sup>	3
ENGL 2340 or ENGL 2307	Writing Across the Curriculum Introduction to Creative Writing	3
ENGL 2360	Introduction to Literary Studies	3
ENG 305 or ENG 306	Children's Literature I Young Adult Literature	3
ENG 312	Shakespeare and His Contemporaries	3
ENG 320	Modern English Grammar and Usage	3

ENG 350	Advanced Technical Writing	3
ENG 424	History and Structure of the English Language	3
ENG 442	Advanced American Literature (EL)	3
ENG 445	Advanced World Literature	3
ENG 472	Advanced British Literature	3
ENG 491	Capstone in English Studies	3
21 semester credit hours of Upper Division English Electives from:		21
9 semester credit hours from ENG 310 to ENG 360 or ENG 410 to ENG 460 <small>listed courses above do not count for electives</small>		
12 semester credit hours from ENG 300 to ENG 499 <small>listed courses above do not count for electives</small>		
<b>Minor</b>		<b>18</b>
Minimum of 18 semester credit hours from minors listed in the catalog		
<b>Other Requirements</b>		
Language Requirement (same Foreign language) <sup>9</sup>		12
<b>Electives (as needed to satisfy minimum degree requirements including 45 semester credit hours of Upper Division Coursework)</b>		
<b>Minimum Hours for Degree</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>6</sup> Minimum Grade of 'C' required in all Major Courses

<sup>8</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum

<sup>9</sup> May be used to satisfy General Education requirements.

NOTE: A minimum of 45 upper division hours (300 and 400 level courses) are required for this degree. Resident credit totaling 25% of the hours is required for the degree. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in three areas for graduation: Overall GPA, Institutional GPA, and Major GPA.

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### First Year

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
		<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
ENGL 1301	Composition I <small>Minimum grade of "C" required, Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
HIST 1301	United States History I <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
IS 1100	University Foundations <small>Mandatory for FTIC students</small>	1
ENGL 2360	Introduction to Literary Studies	3
Mathematics Core Curriculum Requirement ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		3
<b>Select one course from the following for the Creative Arts Core Curriculum Requirement:</b>		<b>3</b>
ENGL 2321	British Literature <small>Minimum grade of "C" required</small>	
ENGL 2326	American Literature <small>Minimum grade of "C" required</small>	
ENGL 2331	World Literature <small>Minimum grade of "C" required</small>	
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
		<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
Language, Philosophy, & Culture Core Curriculum Requirement: ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		3
ENGL 1302	Composition II <small>Minimum grade of "C" required, Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
or ENGL 2311	Technical Writing & Communication	
HIST 1302	United States History II <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
COMM 1307	Introduction to Mass Communication <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small>	3
or SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	
or COMM 1311	Introduction to Communication Studies	
<b>Select one course from the following for the Component Area Option B Core Curriculum Requirement:</b>		<b>3</b>
ENGL 2321	British Literature <small>Minimum grade of "C" required</small>	

ENGL 2326	American Literature	Minimum grade of "C" required	
ENGL 2331	World Literature	Minimum grade of "C" required	
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>			<b>15</b>
<b>Total First Year Semester Credit Hours</b>			<b>30-31</b>

## Second Year

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
Foreign Language		
PSCI 2305	U.S. Government and Politics	3
Life and Physical Science Core Curriculum Requirement: ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		
Social and Behavioral Sciences Core Curriculum Requirement: ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		
<b>Select one course from the following for Major Requirement:</b>		
ENGL 2321	British Literature	Minimum grade of "C" required, Satisfies Core Curriculum
ENGL 2326	American Literature	Minimum grade of "C" required, Satisfies Core Curriculum
ENGL 2331	World Literature	Minimum grade of "C" required, Satisfies Core Curriculum
ENGL 2340 or ENGL 2307	Writing Across the Curriculum Introduction to Creative Writing	3
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		
<b>Spring</b>		
Foreign Language		
PSCI 2306	State and Local Government	3
Life and Physical Science Core Curriculum Requirement: ( <a href="http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/">http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/</a> )		
Minor Required Course <small>Minimum of 18 SCH required for Minor</small>		
Minor Required Course		
Upper Division ENG Elective ENG 300 to ENG 499		
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		
<b>Total Second Year Semester Credit Hours</b>		

## Third Year

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
ENG 320	Modern English Grammar and Usage	Minimum grade of "C" required
ENG 350	Advanced Technical Writing	
Foreign Language		
ENG 442	Advanced American Literature (EL)	
Upper Division English Elective: ENG 310-360 or ENG 410-460		
Minor Required Course <small>Minimum 18 semester credit hours from minor listed in catalog</small>		
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		
<b>Spring</b>		
ENG 312	Shakespeare and His Contemporaries	Minimum grade of "C" required
ENG 424	History and Structure of the English Language	Minimum grade of "C" required
Foreign Language		
ENG 305	Children's Literature	minimum grade of 'C' required

or ENG 306	Young Adult Literature	
Upper Division English Elective: ENG 300-499		3
Minor Required Course		3
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Total Third Year Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

## Fourth Year

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
		<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
ENG 445	Advanced World Literature	3
Upper Division English Elective: ENG 310 - ENG 360 OR ENG 410 - ENG 460		3
Upper Division English Elective: ENG 310 - ENG 360 OR ENG 410 - ENG 460		3
Upper Division English Elective: ENG 300-499		3
Minor Required Course	Minimum 18 semester credit hours from minor listed in catalog	3
<b>Fall Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
		<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
ENG 491	Capstone in English Studies <sup>Minimum grade of "C" required</sup>	3
ENG 472	Advanced British Literature	3
Minor Required Course	Minimum 18 semester credit hours from minor listed in catalog	3
Upper Division English Elective: ENG 300 to ENG 499		3
<b>Spring Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Fourth Year Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>27</b>
<b>Minimum Hours for Degree</b>		<b>129</b>

NOTE: A minimum of 46 upper division hours (300 and 400 level courses) are required for this degree. Resident credit totaling 25% of the hours is required for the degree. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in three areas for graduation: Overall GPA, Institutional GPA and Major GPA.