

ENGLISH, BACHELOR OF ARTS

For students interested in English for Teacher Licensure, click here.

The program in English seeks to help students express themselves effectively, especially in writing; develop a respect for and an understanding of language; appreciate and profit from a study of our common literary heritage; increase their awareness of and empathy for diverse peoples and cultures; discover the relevance of ideas and values found in their reading; and learn to think critically and evaluate wisely.

English majors are prepared for a variety of careers in advertising, communications, education, government, management, personnel work, public relations, and sales. A degree in English also provides an excellent undergraduate preparation for the student planning to pursue graduate study of business, law, or the humanities.

Curriculum

The degree program in English requires 36 semester hours in English.

| Code | Title | Hours |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| ENGL 2063 | Introduction to Literary Studies | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| ENGL 3013 | Systems of Grammar | |
| ENGL 3023 | Introduction to Linguistics | |
| ENGL 4013 | History of the English Language | |
| ENGL 3313 | American Literature to 1900 | 3 |
| ENGL 3323 | Modern American Literature | 3 |
| ENGL 3413 | British Literature to 1800 | 3 |
| ENGL 3423 | British Literature since 1800 | 3 |
| ENGL 4103 | Literary Theory | 3 |
| English electives | | 15 |
| Total Hours | | 36 |

The English major must also complete two semesters of study in one foreign language or have completed two years of language study in high school with grades of "C" or better.

Students who plan to use an English degree as a preparation for law school are encouraged to complete some of the following electives in addition to their required courses:

| Code | Title | Hours |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| BLAW 2033 | Legal Environment of Business | 3 |
| CJ/SOC 2043 | Crime and Delinquency | 3 |
| CJ/POLS 3023 | Judicial Process | 3 |
| CJ 4023 | Law and the Legal System | 3 |
| COMM 2003 | Public Speaking | 3 |
| COMM 2111/2121 | Debate Practicum | 1 |
| COMM 2173 | Business and Professional Speaking | 3 |
| JOUR 4123 | Laws of Communication | 3 |
| PHIL 3073 | Philosophy of Law | 3 |
| PHIL 3103 | Logic | 3 |
| POLS 4033 | Principles of Legal Study | 3 |

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| POLS 4043 | American Constitutional Law | 3 |
| PSY 2003 | General Psychology | 3 |

The matrix below is a sample plan for all coursework required for this program.

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| Freshman | | |
| Fall | | |
| ENGL 1013 | Composition I ¹ | 3 |
| SS 1XXX | Social Science Courses ¹ | 3 |
| MATH XXXX | Mathematics ¹ | 3 |
| Beginning Language I ² | | 3 |
| TECH 1001 | Orientation to the University | 1 |
| Elective ³ | | 1 |
| Hours | | 14 |
| Spring | | |
| ENGL 1023 | Composition II ¹ | 3 |
| SS 1XXX | Social Science Courses ¹ | 3 |
| SCIL 1XXX | Science with Laboratory ¹ | 4 |
| Beginning Language II ² | | 3 |
| Elective ³ | | 1 |
| Hours | | 14 |
| Sophomore | | |
| Fall | | |
| ENGL 2063 | Introduction to Literary Studies | 3 |
| FAH 1XXX | Fine Arts and Humanities Courses ¹ | 3 |
| SCIL 1XXX | Science with Laboratory ¹ | 4 |
| USHG 1XXX | U.S. History and Government ¹ | 3 |
| English Elective ³ | | 3 |
| Hours | | 16 |
| Spring | | |
| Select one of the following: | | |
| ENGL 3013 | Systems of Grammar | |
| ENGL 3023 | Introduction to Linguistics | |
| ENGL 4013 | History of the English Language | |
| SFHS 1XXX | Social Sciences/Fine Arts/Humanities/Communication Courses ¹ | 3 |
| FAH 1XXX | Fine Arts and Humanities Courses ¹ | 3 |
| ENGL 4103 | Literary Theory ⁴ | 3 |
| Elective ³ | | 3 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Junior | | |
| Fall | | |
| ENGL 3313 | American Literature to 1900 | 3 |
| ENGL 3413 | British Literature to 1800 | 3 |
| English Elective ³ | | 3 |
| Elective ³ | | 6 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| ENGL 3323 | Modern American Literature | 3 |
| ENGL 3423 | British Literature since 1800 | 3 |
| English Elective ³ | | 3 |
| Elective ³ | | 6 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Senior | | |
| Fall | | |
| English Elective (3000-4000 level) ^{3,4} | | 3 |
| Elective ^{3,4} | | 12 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| English Elective (3000-4000 level) ^{3,4} | | 3 |

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| Elective ^{3,4} | 13 |
| Hours | 16 |
| Total Hours | 120 |

- ¹ See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.atu.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>)."
- ² All minimum college hours (at least two semesters) should be in one language. Students with previous study in a foreign language should refer to Foreign Language Advanced Placement and Credit under Credit by Examination. Students may waive three hours of language requirements for every one year of language study in high school with grades of "C" or better.
- ³ At least 40 of the 120 hours required for graduation must be earned in 3000-4000 level courses.
- ⁴ Students admitted to the Accelerated BA in English to MA in English Program can substitute twelve (12) hours 5000-6000 level graduate English courses for 12 hours of general electives, English electives, or cross listed 5000-level English courses.