

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

LANGUAGE ARTS

OPTION FOR
TEACHER LICENSURE



THE BEST PREPARATION FOR SECONDARY ENGLISH TEACHERS

The English Language Arts Teacher Licensure program has consistently been recognized as among the best programs for preparing English Language Arts teachers, not just in the state of Illinois but nationally. The National Council of Teachers of English lists EIU's program as an "exemplar program for training Secondary English Teachers." Consisting of 55 credit hours in English along with 34 credit hours of education coursework, this program gives students mastery of pedagogy and the content knowledge that they will need to excel in the field of high school teaching.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

With three courses in the methods of teaching and an upper-division course in young adult literature, the major ensures that students will arrive at their own future English Language Arts classroom equipped with the latest best practices in teaching. In addition, broad coverage in literary studies including two required courses in multicultural literature, a required course in digital writing, and options for incorporating film studies, pre-adolescent literature, creative writing, and literary editing and publishing, among others, allow students to prepare for the needs and interests of today's high school students.

WHAT CAREERS CAN I PURSUE?

Students pursuing the English Language Arts major typically want to teach at the high school level. To enhance their competitiveness on the job market, many students choose to participate in our Accelerated MA program, which allows students to start working on a future MA degree while completing their undergraduate degree. With credits already completed towards a graduate degree, students are particularly attractive job candidates for prospective employers looking for teachers who can teach dual credit courses and Advanced Placement courses to high school students in the future.

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FA 2025 THROUGH CURRENT CATALOG

The English Language Arts Licensure Option is for students who would like to major in English and gain Illinois state licensure at the secondary level to teach English language arts. Students must receive a "C" or better in all courses used toward graduation, regardless of where they are taken. This includes general education, professional education, major and minor course, all university required courses, and electives. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative and major GPA of 2.75 in order to continue in the program. For students also wanting to be eligible to teach middle school language arts, additional Middle Level Education courses are required.

Recommended Schedule of Classes

	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
	COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
YEAR 1	ENG 1001G/91G	3	ENG 1002G/92G	3
	ENG 1105 English Major Forum	1	ENG 1009G or 2706G or Gen Ed Humanities	3
	ENG 2504G or 2705G or Gen Ed Humanities	3	EDF 2555G Ed. in a Diverse Society (Gen Ed Soc/Beh Science)	3
	CMN 1310G	3	Gen Ed Science	4
	SED 2000 Inquiry into Teaching	3	Gen Ed Foreign Lang	3
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	Total	16	Total	16
YEAR 2	COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
	ENG 2205 Intro to Literary Studies	3	ENG 2960 Transatlantic Lit II	3
	ENG 2950 Transatlantic Lit I	3	ENG 2901 Structure of English	3
	Gen Ed Math	3	ENG 3001 Advanced Composition	3
	PLS 1153G (Gen Ed Soc/Beh Science)	3	Gen Ed Soc/Behavioral Science	3
	EDP 2330 Adolescent Psychology	3	Gen Ed Science with Lab	4
	Total	15	Total	16
YEAR 3	COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
	Post-1800 Literature	3	Pre-1800 Literature	3
	ENG 3008 Digital & Multimodal Comp	3	ENG 3705 Multicultural American Lit	3
	Eng Elective or Multicultural Lit	3	ENG 3401 Methods of Teaching Composition	3
	Genre Studies Lit	3	ENG 4903 Young Adult Literature	3
	Gen Ed Fine Art	3	SPE 4500 Education of Individ. with Exceptional Needs	3
	Total	15	Total	15
YEAR 4	COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
	ENG 3402 Methods of Teaching Literature	3	ENG 4801, Integrating the English Language Arts	3
	ENG 4300/90 Eng Studies Capstone	3	SED 3300, Instructional Tasks in the Secondary School	3
	EDF 4550 Critical Focus on Ed.	3	SED 4330, Literacy, Assessment, & Differentiation*	4
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	12	Total	13
YEAR 5	COURSE	HRS		
	STG 4000 Multicultural/Disabilities Practicum	1		
	STG 4001 Student Teaching Hours	12		
	Total	13		

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