

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The Department of English at Southeastern Louisiana University fosters students' abilities to think analytically and creatively, write clearly and cogently, and integrate critical judgment with imagination in reading texts. The Department's tradition of concern for the individual student sustains a strong sense of intellectual community, diversity and vitality. To round out its commitment to education that is both engaged with the world and personally rewarding, the Department sponsors cultural events, serves external communities, and promotes global awareness. English faculty teach courses in basic composition and literature supporting the University's general education core, and undergraduate and graduate courses in literary studies, composition, creative writing, professional writing, pedagogy, and linguistics. All curricula are designed to provide humanistic education that prepares students for graduate study and develops their practical skills for every profession, including education, law, professional writing, and the arts. In addition, the Department offers a major in Liberal Arts Studies designed to provide the student with a background in the humanities. For graduation the Department requires a minimum of 120 semester hours properly distributed among the various disciplines of the University.

Candidates for the bachelor's degree in English must earn, at Southeastern, a minimum of eighteen semester hours required in the major field.

PLACEMENT IN ENGLISH

Placement of entering freshmen in English courses is based on the English score and the Composite score on the American College Test. (See American College Test in this catalogue.) Students are not permitted to register for English until these scores are on file in the Office of Testing.

The American College Test is not used as an entrance examination. Rather, it is used as a means of determining the degree of preparation in English. The placement procedure, outlined below, ensures (1) that each entering freshman will begin his/her study of English at the highest level for which he/she is prepared at the time he/she enters Southeastern, and (2) that each one who is assigned placement in English will automatically receive credit for the prerequisite course or courses.

1. A student whose ACT English score indicates the need for a review of basic sentence structure and functional grammar will be required to pass Transitional English 92 before entering English 101.
2. A student whose ACT English score indicates adequate usage of functional grammar and sentence structure will be placed in English 101.
3. A student with the eligibility criterion of a composite Enhanced ACT score of 21 or higher who desires to enter the Honors Program must enroll in English 121H for his/her first English course.
4. A student whose ACT English score indicates above-average preparation in English usage will be placed in either English 102 or English 122 (Honors), depending on the level of his/her preparation. Upon successful completion of English 102 or 122H, the student will receive the Grade "P," with 3 credit hours, for English 101.
5. A student whose ACT English and composite scores indicate that he/she does not need freshman composition will be given a writing test. If his/her writing also indicates that he/she does not need freshman composition, he/she will be placed in sophomore literature. Upon successful completion of English 230, 231, 232, 291H, 292H, 301, 303 or 351, the student will receive the grade of "P," with 3 credit hours each, for English 101 and 102.
6. Placement of beginning freshmen according to ACT scores:
 - English 92:** ACT English score of 17 or below. Credit does not count toward graduation.
 - English 101:** ACT English score of 18 or higher.
 - English 102:** ACT English score of 29 or higher. Credit for English 101 with grade "P" upon successful completion of English 102.
 - English 122H (Honors):** ACT English score of 32 or higher. Credit for English 101 with grade "P" upon successful completion of English 122H. Credit for English 122H in lieu of English 102.
 - Sophomore English:** A minimum combined ACT English and Composite score of 65 AND an advanced-standing examination (a composition administered and evaluated by the Department of English). Credit for English 101 and 102 with grade "P" upon successful completion of English 230, 231, 232, 291H, 292H, 301, 303, or 351.

MAJORS

The major in English consists of forty-two approved semester hours.

HONORS DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH AND LIBERAL ARTS STUDIES

For the Honors Diploma in English and Liberal Arts Studies, majors must complete the following requirements;

English 121H.....	3 hours
English 122H.....	3 hours
History 101H ¹	3 hours
History 102H ¹	3 hours
English 291H, English 292H, History 201H, History 202H, Economics 201H, General Biology 151H, Mathematics 161H, Honors 191, Honors 311, Honors 312, Honors 313, or Honors 314 ²	3 hours
English H-option 400 level ³	9 hours
Honors 300 Senior Thesis.....	1 hour

¹History 101H and History 102H may be substituted for History 101 and History 102.

²Honors 312, 313, or 314 may serve as the Social Science elective.

³An H-option course may include participation in collaborative research, service learning, an internship, or a Study Abroad program.

MINORS

The Department of English offers minors in English, Creative Writing, Professional Writing, and Gender Studies. These consist of 18 hours each and include the following course requirements:

1. **MINOR IN ENGLISH**

Courses from two of the following groups:

230/351/352; 231/301/303; 232/395/396; 300; 291H; 292H; 312/413/414	6 hours
English electives (300-400-level) ¹	12 hours

¹At least six of the twelve hours of English electives must be in literature.

2. **MINOR IN CREATIVE WRITING**

English 371	3 semester hours
English 372	3 semester hours
English 482 or 483	3 semester hours
300/400 level courses ¹	6 semester hours
Elective 300/400 level courses in English or Independent Study	3 semester hours

¹Three hours must be modern or contemporary literature, as approved by the Department Head.

3. **MINOR IN PROFESSIONAL WRITING**

English 322	3 semester hours
English 448/548	3 semester hours
English 321, 467/567, 447/518, or GBBT 351	3 semester hours
Document Design ¹ Elective	3 semester hours
International Perspectives ¹ Elective.....	3 semester hours
Discourse of the Professions ¹ Elective	3 semester hours

¹Cross-disciplinary electives are subject to approval by Professional Writing advisor. See English Department for a list of approved classes.

4. **MINOR IN GENDER STUDIES**

English 429	3 semester hours
History 468 or 469	3 semester hours
Sociology 222	3 semester hours
Comm 4753 semester hours	
Electives ¹	6 semester hours

¹ Subject to the approval of the Department of English, independent study or special topic courses from any department may be used in this minor if a substantial amount of the course or of the student's research focuses on gender issues.

**CURRICULUM IN ENGLISH
LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS
LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE CONCENTRATION**

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†English 101 or 121H	3	†English 102 or 122H	3
Mathematics 161 ¹	3	Mathematics 162, 163, 165, 185, or 241	3
Foreign Language 101 ²	3	Foreign Language 102 ²	3
Art 105 or Art 106	3	Music 151	3
Library Science 102	1	Computer Literacy/Elective ³	3
Social Science Elective	3		
Southeastern 101	0-3		
	16-19		15
SECOND YEAR			
†English 300	3	†English 301 or 303	3
Foreign Language 201 ²	3	†English Elective: Areas ⁵	3
History 101 or 101H	3	Foreign Language 202 ²	3
Biological Science ⁴	3	History 102 or 102H	3
Theatre 131	3	Biological or Physical Science ⁴	3
	15		15
THIRD YEAR			
†English Elective: World ⁶	3	†English Elective: Period ⁷	3
†English 395 or 396	3	†English 435 or 436	3
History Elective	3	History Elective	3
Physical Science ⁴	3	Philosophy Elective	3
Political Science 201 or 202	3	Communication 211	3
	15		15
FOURTH YEAR			
†English Elective: Major Author ⁸	3	†English Elective	3
†English Elective: Language/Writing ⁹	3	†English Elective: Major Topic ¹⁰	3
†English Elective	3	Electives ¹¹	9
Electives ¹¹	6		
	15		15
Total semester hours required		121-124	

Southeastern 101 is not required of transfer or readmitted Southeastern students with 30 hours or more.

¹Students with an ACT Math score of 20 or lower will take Math 155 (5 credit hours) in place of Math 161, which will increase 2 credit hours the total number of hours required for the degree.

²Students must complete 12 hours of a single foreign language.

³Students must complete this requirement in one of the following ways:

- a) successful completion of CMPS 110
- b) a note from a teacher certifying successful completion of an English course scheduled in a computer lab
- c) successful completion of English 322, 448, or 467
- d) successful completion of the English Department's computer literacy test

NOTE: Students choosing option b, c, or d must also complete a three-hour free elective.

⁴Students must complete a minimum of 6 hours in a two-semester sequence of a biological science plus a physical science or a two-semester sequence of a physical science plus a biological science. See the General Education Requirements in the University Policies chapter of this catalog for the approved sequenced courses.

⁵Three hours must be selected from the following courses: Engl 310, 316, 317, 369, 370, 373, 374, 392.

⁶Three hours must be selected from the following courses: Engl 351, 352, 487.

⁷Three hours must be selected from the following courses: Engl 430, 437, 455, 456, 457, 459, 488, 489, 490.

⁸Three hours must be selected from the following courses: Engl 435, 436, 458, 471, 472, 487, 491.

⁹Three hours must be selected from the following courses: Engl 312, 321, 322, 371, 372, 380, 413, 414, 447, 448, 467, 476, 477, 482, 483, 485, 486.

¹⁰Three hours must be selected from the following courses: Engl 428, 429, 438, 439, 465, 475.

¹¹At least 3 hours must be 400-level courses.

†Major course. Students are expected to take at least 6 hours in early literatures from the following courses: Engl 301, 351, 435, 436, 455, 456, 457, 471, 472.

**CURRICULUM IN ENGLISH
LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS
CREATIVE WRITING CONCENTRATION**

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†English 101 or 121H	3	†English 102 or 122H	3
Mathematics 161 ⁷	3	Mathematics 162, 163, 165, 185, or 241	3
Foreign Language 101 ¹	3	Foreign Language 102 ¹	3
Art 105 or Art 106	3	Music 151	3
Library Science 102	1	Computer Literacy/Elective ²	3
Southeastern 101	0-3		
	13-16		15
SECOND YEAR			
†English 300	3	†English 301	3
Foreign Language 201 ¹	3	†Concentration Elective ⁸	3
History 101 or 101H.....	3	Foreign Language 202 ¹	3
Biological Science ³	3	History 102 or 102H.....	3
Theatre 131	3	Biological or Physical Science ³	3
	15		15
THIRD YEAR			
†English 351 or 352	3	Political Science 201 or 202	3
†Concentration Elective ⁸	3	†English 435 or 436	3
History Elective	3	History Elective	3
Physical Science ³	3	Philosophy Elective	3
Social Science Elective ⁴	3	Communication 211	3
†English 303.....	3		
	18		15
FOURTH YEAR			
†English 395	3	†English 396	3
†Concentration Elective ⁸	3	†Concentration Elective ⁸	3
Electives ⁵	6	Electives ⁵	9
†English Elective	3		
	15		15
Total semester hours required		121-124 ⁶	

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²Students must complete this requirement in one of the following ways:

- a) successful completion of CMPS 110;
- b) a note from a teacher certifying successful completion of an English course scheduled in a computer lab;
- c) successful completion of English 322, 448, or 467;
- d) successful completion of the English Department's computer literacy test.

NOTE: Students choosing option b, c, or d must also complete a three-hour free elective.

³Students must complete a minimum of 6 hours in a two-semester sequence of a biological science plus a physical science or a two-semester sequence of a physical science plus a biological science. See the General Education Requirements in the University Policies chapter of this catalog for the approved sequence courses.

⁴Students may elect a course in Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology, excluding Geography 205.

⁵At least 12 hours of general electives must be 300- or 400-level courses.

⁶Extended Option: Secondary Education Certification. See College of Education section, this catalogue.

⁷Students with an ACT Math score of 20 or lower will take Math 155 (5 credit hours) in place of Math 161, which will increase 2 credit hours the total number of hours required for the degree.

⁸Twelve hours to be chosen from the following: 371, 372, 380, 447, 482, 483.

†Major course.

CURRICULUM IN LIBERAL ARTS STUDIES

Students who are interested in a general Liberal Arts education and are not interested in specializing in a particular field of study should enroll in the Curriculum in Liberal Arts Studies. The major requirements will be considered filled upon the completion of 27 semester hours in English and 24 semester hours in one of these subjects: communication, criminal justice, dance-performing arts, a foreign language, political science, history, mass communication and journalism, music, philosophy, psychology, sociology, social work, theatre, visual arts. A student may not claim a minor in English or the second humanities field.

Members of the Department of English will advise students who pursue this curriculum. A grade point average of 2.0 is required in each of the two major subjects, averaged separately.

CURRICULUM IN LIBERAL ARTS STUDIES LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

FIRST SEMESTER		FIRST YEAR	
	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†English 101 or 121H	3	†English 102 or 122H	3
Mathematics 161 ⁸	3	Mathematics 162, 163, 165, 185, or 241	3
Foreign Language 101 ¹	3	Foreign Language 102 ¹	3
Art 105 or Art 106	3	Music 151	3
Library Science 102	1	Computer Literacy/Elective ²	3
Southeastern 101	0-3		
	13-16		15
†English 300		SECOND YEAR	
Foreign Language 201 ¹	3	†English 230, 291H, 292H, 351, or 352 ⁶	3
History 101 or 101H	3	Foreign Language 202 ¹	3
Biological Science ³	3	History 102 or 102H.....	3
Philosophy Elective or Honors 311 or 312	3	Biological or Physical Science ³	3
	15	Communication 211	3
			15
†English 232, 395, or 396 ⁶		THIRD YEAR	
History Elective	3	†English 231, 301, or 303 ⁶	3
Physical Science ³	3	History Elective	3
Theatre 131	3	Philosophy Elective	3
Social Science Elective ⁹	3	Communication Elective (300-400 level)	3
	15	†English 435 or 436	3
		Political Science 201 or 202.....	3
			18
†Electives ^{5,7}		FOURTH YEAR⁴	
	15	†Electives ^{5,7}	15
			15

Total semester hours required 121-124

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²Students must complete this requirement in one of the following ways:

- a) successful completion of CMPS 110;
- b) a note from a teacher certifying successful completion of an English course scheduled in a computer lab;
- c) successful completion of English 322, 448 or 467;
- d) successful completion of the English Department's computer literacy test.

NOTE: Students choosing option b, c, or d must also complete a three-hour free elective.

³Students must complete a minimum of 6 hours in a two-semester sequence of a biological science plus a physical science or a two-semester sequence of a physical science plus a biological science. See the General Education Requirements in the University Policies chapter of this catalog for the approved sequenced courses.

⁴Pre-Law students who choose to complete the first year of law school to meet the fourth year elective requirements must meet the requirements set forth in the Pre-Legal Study section of this catalogue. Successful completion of the first year of law school will be accepted as one of the two required major subject areas.

⁵Students must use some of these general electives to complete the 27 hours of English as well as the 24 hours of another subject area offered in the humanities. These subjects are: communications, criminal justice, dance-performing arts, a foreign language, political science, history, mass communication and journalism, music, philosophy, sociology, social work, theater, visual arts.

⁶Students may take only 6 hours of 200-level English courses.

⁷The 24 hours in a second subject area in the humanities are part of the major; 6 of these hours must be 300-400 level courses.

⁸Students with an ACT Math score of 20 or lower will take Math 155 (5 credit hours) in place of Math 161, which will increase 2 credit hours the total number of hours required for the degree.

⁹Students may elect a course in Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology, excluding Geography 205.

†Major course.