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# Southeastern Louisiana University

## Department of English

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### Department of English

To develop effectiveness in communication, provide cultural and social background, and prepare students for entrance to certain professions and vocations, the Department of English offers to all students courses in composition, language, and literature. 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 study of English at the highest level for which he is prepared at the time he 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 Developmental English 90, 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. Because of the nature of the subject matter of English 121H, students entering the Honors Program are discouraged from taking advantage of advanced placement.

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 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 does not need freshman composition will be given a writing test. If his writing also indicates that he does not need freshman composition, he 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:

**Developmental English 90:** ACT English score of 16 or below. Credit does not count toward graduation.

**English 101:** ACT English score of 17 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 122 (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.

## Honors Diploma in the Discipline

The department also offers an upper-division honors curriculum allowing its students to earn an honors diploma in the major at graduation. For information about requirements and honors courses in this department, please contact the Department Head.

## Major in English

The major in English consists of thirty-six approved semester hours.

## Minors in English

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; 291H; 292H; 312/413/414 - 6 hours

English electives (300-400-level) **1** - 12 hours

**1** At 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

300/400 level courses **1** - 6 semester hours

Elective 300/400 level courses in English or Independent Study - 3 semester hours

**1** Three 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, 445/516, 447/518, or Office Administration 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

**1** Cross-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 321 - 3 semester hours

Electives **1** - 9 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

#### FIRST YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†English 101 or 121H	3	†English 102 or 122H	3
Mathematics 160 or 161	3	Mathematics 162,163,165,185, or 241 7	3
Foreign Language 101 1	3	Foreign Language 102 1	3
Art 105 or Art 106	3	Music 151	3
Orientation 101	0-1	Computer Literacy/Elective 2	3
Library Science 102	1		
	13-14		15

#### SECOND YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†English 301	3	†English 303	3
Foreign Language 201 1	3	†English 312 or 413	3
History 101	3	Foreign Language 202 1	3
Biological Science 3	4	History 102	3
Theatre 131	3	Biological or Physical Science 3	4
	16		16

#### THIRD YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†English 351	3	Political Science 201 or 202	3
†English Elective	3	†English 332	3
History Elective	3	History Elective	3
Physical Science 3	4	Philosophy Elective	3
Social Science Elective 4	3	Communication 211	3
	16		15

**FOURTH YEAR**

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†English 395	3	†English 396	3
†Any 400-level Lit. Course	3	†English Elective	3
Electives 5	9	Electives 5	9
	15		15

Total semester hours required 121-122 **6**

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

**1** Students must complete 12 hours of a single foreign language.

**2** Students 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, 445, or 448;

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.

**3** Students must complete a minimum of 6 hours plus requisite laboratory courses in a two-semester sequence of a biological science plus a physical science and the requisite laboratory (excluding Chemistry 106) or a two-semester sequence of a physical science (excluding Chemistry 106) plus a biological science and the requisite laboratory.

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

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

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

**7** Students who have credit for Math 161 may take any of these courses; students who have credit for Math 160 may take only Math 162, 185, or 241.

† Major course. All English courses taken will be used to calculate the major GPA, which must be a 2.0.

## 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 24 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 YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†English 101 or 121H	3	†English 102 or 122H	3
Mathematics 160 or 161	3	Mathematics 162,163,165,185, or 241 9	3
Foreign Language 101 1	3	Foreign Language 102 1	3
Art 105 or Art 106	3	Music 151	3
Orientation 101	0-1	Computer Literacy/Elective 2	3
Library Science 102	1		
	13-14		15

### SECOND YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†English 230, 291H, 292H, or 351 7	3	†English 231, 301 or 303 7	3
Foreign Language 201 1	3	Foreign Language 202 1	3
History 101	3	History 102	3
Biological Science 3	4	Biological or Physical Science 3	4
Philosophy Elective, Honors 311or 312	3	Communication 211	3
	16		16

**THIRD YEAR**

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†English 232, 395, or 396 7	3	†English 331 or 332	3
History Elective	3	History Elective	3
Physical Science 3	4	Philosophy Elective	3
Theatre 131	3	Communication Elective (300-400 level)	3
Social Science Elective 4	3	Political Science 201 or 202	3
	16		15

**FOURTH YEAR 5**

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†Electives 6, 8	15	†Electives 6, 8	15
	15		15

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**3** Students must complete a minimum of 6 hours plus requisite laboratory courses in a two-semester sequence of a biological science plus a physical science and the requisite laboratory (excluding Chemistry 106) or a two-semester sequence of a physical science (excluding Chemistry 106) plus a biological science and the requisite laboratory.

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

**5** Pre-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.

**6** Students must use some of these general electives to complete 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.

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

**8** The 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.

**9** Students who have credit for Math 161 may take any of these courses; students who have credit for Math 160 may take only Math 162, 185, or 241.

† Major course.



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