

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 122 H (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 thirty-nine 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 460H ^{3,4}	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.

³The Honors Seminars may require students to participate in either Service Learning, OSCAR, or an Internship, and may encourage students to participate in a Study Abroad program.

⁴Engl 460H may be repeated for a total of nine hours.

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 475	3 semester hours
Electives ¹	6 semester hours

¹Subject 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.	FIRST YEAR 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	
†English 300	3	†English 301	3
Foreign Language 201 ¹	3	†English 312 or 413	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
†English Elective	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
†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.

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

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

- successful completion of CMPS 110;
- a note from a teacher certifying successful completion of an English course scheduled in a computer lab;
- successful completion of English 322, 448, or 467;
- 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.

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 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 ENGLISH LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS CREATIVE WRITING CONCENTRATION

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	FIRST YEAR 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	
†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	9	Electives ⁵	9
	15		15
Total semester hours required			121-122 ⁶

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

- 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.

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 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.

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

†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 27 semester hours in English and 24 semester hours in one of these subjects: communications, 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	S.H.	FIRST YEAR 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 ⁸	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	
†English 300	3	†English 230, 291H, 292H, 351, or 352 ⁶	3
Foreign Language 201 ¹	3	Foreign Language 202 ¹	3
History 101or 101H	3	History 102 or 102H	3
Biological Science ³	3	Biological or Physical Science ³	3
Philosophy Elective or Honors 311 or 312	3	Communication 211	3
	15		15
		THIRD YEAR	
†English 232, 395, or 396 ⁶	3	†English 231, 301, or 303 ⁶	3
History Elective	3	History Elective	3
Physical Science ³	3	Philosophy Elective	3
Theatre 131	3	Communication Elective (300-400 level)	3
Social Science Elective ⁹	3	†English 435 or 436	3
	15	Political Science 201 or 202	3
			18
		FOURTH YEAR ⁴	
†Electives ^{5,7}	15	†Electives ^{5,7}	15
	15		15
Total semester hours required			121-122

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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 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.

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

†Major course.