

ENGLISH (B.A.)

Objectives

The area of English at Jackson State University has established the following major objectives:

- To help students develop the ability to read, think, and write clearly and critically.
- To help students understand and appreciate good writing and literature.
- To help students become aware of the truth, beauty, and wisdom of our culture to the extent that they are able to make value judgments about the society in which they live.
- To prepare students for teaching English and for other careers that require critical thinking, cultural awareness, and clear writing.
- To provide the necessary courses for all students to fulfill state and university requirements.
- To encourage students to engage in creative and scholarly writing.

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Arts in English Education is accredited through the College of Education and Human Development's accreditation process for the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), which has adopted the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Program Standards for Initial Preparation of Teachers of Secondary English Language Arts -- Grades 7-12. These program standards were derived from NCTE's Guidelines for the Preparation of Teachers of English Language Arts. Institutions seeking CAEP accreditation are required to submit program review documents showing how their programs meet the NCTE Program Standards.

Other Requirements/Offerings

Departmental Policies

Students are required to earn a minimum grade of "C" in all major courses applied toward a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree.

Foreign Language Requirements

Students earning the B.A. in English, English with a journalism concentration, English with a business concentration, English with a computer science concentration or English with a concentration in Creative Writing must complete 12 semester hours of the same foreign language.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ENG 205	WORLD LITERATURE I	3
ENG 206-228	English Elective	3
ENG 319	SURVEY OF ENG LITERATURE	3
ENG 321	SURVEY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE	3
ENG 418	SURVEY OF BLACK WRITERS	3
or ENG 419	SURVEY OF BLACK AUTHORS	
ENG 303	GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION	3
ENG 320	SURVEY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE	3
ENG 322	SUR OF RECENT AMER LITER	3
ENG 421	CHAUCER	3

or ENG 424	MILTON	
Period or Genre Course		3
Period or Genre Course		3
Period Course		3
Genre Course		3
ENG 423	SHAKESPEARE (COMEDIES)	3
or ENG 429	TRAGEDIES OF SHAKESPEARE	
ENG 495	SENIOR SEMINAR IN ENGLISH	3
ENG 436	LITERARY CRITICISM	3
Total Hours		48

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Curriculum Map

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
ENG 111	COMPOSITION & LITERATURE FOR L	3
MATH 114	Quantitative Reasoning	3
MFL - Modern Foreign Language I ¹		3
UNIV 100	UNIVERSITY SUCCESS	2
Humanities & Fine Arts Option		3
Social & Behavioral Science Option		3
Hours		17
Spring		
ENG 112	COMPOSITION	3
SPCH 201	SPEECH ARTS	3
MFL - Modern Foreign Language II ¹		3
Natural Science Option		3
Pathway Option		3
Hours		15
Sophomore		
Fall		
ENG 205	WORLD LITERATURE I	3
MFL - Modern Foreign Language III ¹		3
Humanities & Fine Arts Option		3
Natural Science Option		3
Pathway Option		3
Hours		15
Spring		
English Elective -ENG 206-228		3
UNIV 200	CIVIC ENGAGEMENT	1
MFL - Modern Foreign Language IV ¹		3
Social & Behavioral Science Option		3
Humanities & Fine Arts Option		3
Pathway Option		3
Hours		16

Junior		
Fall		
ENG 319	SURVEY OF ENG LITERATURE	3
ENG 321	SURVEY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE	3
ENG Period Course		3
General Elective		3
ENG Period or Genre Course		3
Hours		15
Spring		
ENG 303	GRAMMAR & COMPOSITION	3
ENG 320	SURVEY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE	3
ENG 322	SUR OF RECENT AMER LITER	3
ENG 418 or ENG 419	SURVEY OF BLACK WRITERS or SURVEY OF BLACK AUTHORS	3
ENG Genre Course		3
Hours		15
Senior		
Fall		
ENG 421 or ENG 424	CHAUCER or MILTON	3
ENG 436	LITERARY CRITICISM	3
ENG Period or Genre Course		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Spring		
ENG 423 or ENG 429	SHAKESPEARE (COMEDIES) or TRAGEDIES OF SHAKESPEARE	3
ENG 495	SENIOR SEMINAR IN ENGLISH	3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Hours		12
Total Hours		120

¹ All 4 semesters of Foreign Language must be in the same language.

Notes:

- Candidates that transfer 12 or more hours of college credit are exempt from UNIV 100 UNIVERSITY SUCCESS; however, the student must take 2 hours of general electives to replace the UNIV course.
- Online Graduation Clearance (**to be completed during the graduating semester only**).

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to draw on relevant cultural and historical information to analyze and interpret a literary text.
- Students will be able to demonstrate familiarity with literary traditions pre- and post-1800, including identifying authors, genres, literary movements, and styles.
- Students will be able to analyze underrepresented experiences and cultural diversity, including issues of race, gender, class, sexuality, and ethnicity through the study of ethnic minority or non-Western texts.
- Students will be able to research and write focused, convincing analytical essays in clear, grammatical prose.
- Students will be able to read, write, and speak effectively in at least one foreign language.