AIMS OF THE DEPARTMENT

The English Department provides classes and support for English majors, English minors, and general studies students. In Freshman Composition and Research and Professional Writing all students at the university learn how to write coherent, well-organized essays. In the junior year students take a literature class which requires writing on literary topics. The department helps English majors and minors understand and appreciate American, English, and world literature, as well as linguistics and advanced composition.

Students may elect courses which prepare them for careers as secondary English teachers or for graduate study in English. A major in English is also an important asset to any student who wishes to specialize in several professional areas: law, medicine, business, public relations, or federal service.

General Information

ENGL 121 and 220 must be completed in sequence during the freshman and sophomore years before any other course in English can be taken.

English, B.A.

ENGL 201 Approaches to Literary Research and Criticism .......... 1
ENGL 221 World Masterpieces I or
ENGL 222 World Masterpieces II ........................................... 3
ENGL 224 Survey of English Literature ................................... 3
ENGL 231 American Literature I ............................................. 3
ENGL 232 American Literature II ............................................ 3
ENGL 414 History of the English Language ............................... 3
ENGL 415 Advanced Composition ............................................ 3
ENGL 458 Literary Analysis .................................................... 3
ENGL 464 Advanced Grammar* ............................................ 3

And a minimum of 12 hours from: ......................................... 12
ENGL 451 Studies in Renaissance Literature (3)
ENGL 452 Studies in 17th Century Literature (3)
ENGL 453 Studies in 18th Century Literature (3)
ENGL 454 Studies in Medieval Literature (3)
ENGL 455 Studies in Romantic Literature (3)
ENGL 456 Studies in Victorian Literature (3)
ENGL 457 Studies in 20th Century Literature (3)

TOTAL 37

*ENGL 464 is prerequisite to EDUC 485.

English Minor

ENGL 221 World Masterpieces I or
ENGL 222 World Masterpieces II ............................................. 3
ENGL 224 Survey of English Literature ................................... 3
ENGL 231 American Literature I or
ENGL 232 American Literature II ............................................ 3
ENGL 464 Advanced Grammar ............................................. 3

And a minimum of 6 hours from: ....................................... 6
ENGL 451 Studies in Renaissance Literature (3)
ENGL 452 Studies in 17th Century Literature (3)
ENGL 453 Studies in 18th Century Literature (3)
ENGL 454 Studies in Medieval Literature (3)
ENGL 455 Studies in Romantic Literature (3)
ENGL 456 Studies in Victorian Literature (3)
ENGL 457 Studies in 20th Century Literature (3)

TOTAL 18

TEACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The following English major and minors are for teaching certification only. Requirements for certification are listed in the Education section of this bulletin.

You must make formal application for admittance to the Teacher Education Program. Applications are available at the Education Department office.

English, B.A. - Secondary Teaching Area

The student must meet the requirements for a B.A. degree in English.

English Minor - Secondary Teaching Area

Option II

ENGL 221 World Masterpieces I or
ENGL 222 World Masterpieces II ............................................. 3
ENGL 224 Survey of English Literature ................................... 3
ENGL 231 American Literature I ............................................. 3
ENGL 464 Advanced Grammar* ............................................. 3

And a minimum of 12 hours from: ......................................... 12
ENGL 451 Studies in Renaissance Literature (3)
ENGL 452 Studies in 17th Century Literature (3)
ENGL 453 Studies in 18th Century Literature (3)
ENGL 454 Studies in Medieval Literature (3)
ENGL 455 Studies in Romantic Literature (3)
ENGL 456 Studies in Victorian Literature (3)
ENGL 457 Studies in 20th Century Literature (3)

TOTAL 24
COMPOSITION COURSES

ENGL 021 Composition Review 3 hours
This class is required of students whose SAT Critical Reading score is below 400 or whose ACT English score is below 17. Those students who enroll in ENGL 121 and demonstrate in their introductory essay that they need reinforcement in basic mechanics, usage, and structure will be advised to enroll in this class. Credit will not apply toward graduation.

A basic review of spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Special emphasis will be given to the construction of a coherent paragraph. Students may not withdraw from this course. (Fall, Spring)

ENGL 121 Freshman Composition 3 hours
Prerequisite: Minimum SAT Critical Reading score of 400, a minimum ACT English score of 17, a minimum grade of C in ENGL 021, or successful completion of the ESL program with a score of 80 on the Michigan Test of Language Proficiency.

This course focuses on individual writing processes, the production of quality expository and argumentative prose for a variety of purposes and audiences, and the introduction of information literacy skills. The course also emphasizes the development and use of critical thinking and reading skills essential for writing college-level papers. (Fall, Spring)

ENGL 201 Approaches to Literary Research and Criticism 3 hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 121, 220. ENGL 220 can be taken concurrently.

The course introduces the concepts, applications and research involved in literary criticism. The student will be introduced to literary genres and terms. Writing of literary criticism will be the main emphasis of the class, including the use of primary sources, the construction of an essay, and the correct documentation format as specified in the Modern Language Association Stylebook. English majors will begin the process of senior portfolio development. This course fulfills the requirement for UNIV 201: Research in an Academic Discipline as specified in SWAU’s Quality Enhancement Plan.

ENGL 220 Research and Professional Writing 3 hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 121 and sophomore status

This course focuses on elements of research and information literacy skills, writing using sources, and professional career writing. Structured for students from a variety of academic disciplines, the course emphasizes the rhetorical principles of audience, purpose, and genre and practice with APA/MLA documentation. A major focus includes critically evaluating scholarly and popular resources, both hard copy and electronic. (Fall, Spring)

ENGL 242 Writing Seminar 3 hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 121, 220

This course emphasizes both the theoretical and practical aspects fundamental to successful writing or the teaching of writing in a particular genre. Topic or emphasis will vary depending on the instructor or sequence when the course is taught. Students may repeat the course for credit if topic, emphasis, or genre differs from the previous class. (Fall)

ENGL 415 Advanced Composition 3 hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 121, 220

An advanced course in the art of rhetoric. Students will study the components of the rhetorical context in which all communication exists. The writing process will be reviewed in detail. Special attention will be devoted to style. Students will develop the ability to make appropriate rhetorical choices. (Spring, odd years)
ENGL 453  Studies in 18th Century Literature  3 hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 121, 220
English poetry and prose from 1660-1800 with special attention to the major works of Dryden, Swift, and Pope. (Fall, even years)

ENGL 454  Studies in Medieval Literature  3 hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 121, 220
A study of selected Old and Middle English texts (900-1400) with special emphasis on Anglo-Saxon language, Middle English, Chaucer, the Pearl Poet, and religious dissent in the fourteenth century. (Spring, odd years)

ENGL 455  Studies in Romantic Literature  3 hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 121, 220
Representative English Romantic poetry and prose with special emphasis on Wordsworth, Coleridge, Shelley, Keats, and Byron. (Spring, odd years)

ENGL 456  Studies in Victorian Literature  3 hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 121, 220
A study of British poetry, novels, essays, and plays from 1830-1900. Emphasis on Dickens, R. Browning, Hardy, and E. Bronte. This course fulfills the requirement for an upper-division course with components as specified in SWAU's Quality Enhancement Plan. (Fall, odd years)

ENGL 457  Studies in 20th Century Literature  3 hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 121, 220
A study of the major trends and writers in English and American literature since 1900. This course fulfills the requirement for an upper-division course with components as specified in SWAU’s Quality Enhancement Plan. (Spring, even years)

ENGL 458  Literary Analysis  3 hours
Prerequisite: Completion of all lower-division English requirements.
An examination of literary theories and genres and their application to selected works of literature. Designed as a capstone to the English major, this class will be taken during the student's senior year and serves as the fourth-year writing class. This course fulfills the requirement for a capstone/portfolio completion course with components as specified in SWAU's Quality Enhancement Plan. (Spring)

OTHER COURSES

ENGL 272  Introduction to Drama  3 hours
Prerequisite: Permission of instructor
A study of representative plays written in English, considering their literary history and dramatic staging. Students will help to produce a play for the university, cultivating voice control, stage presence, character creation, and stage management. May be repeated. (Elective credit only; does not apply toward the general education requirement.) (Spring)

ENGL 291  Selected Topics  1-3 hours
Prerequisite: Approval by department chair
This course offers the student opportunity to pursue investigations in fields of special interest under the direction of the departmental staff. Content and method of study must be arranged prior to registration. May be repeated for a total of 3 credits.

ENGL 414  History of the English Language  3 hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 121, 220
A linguistic study of the history of the English language through modern English. Also, study will begin to American English and how it relates to our present culture. (Fall, even years)

ENGL 464  Advanced Grammar  3 hours
Prerequisite: ENGL 121, 220
This course is primarily designed for prospective elementary and secondary teachers who will need the knowledge and methods for teaching basic English grammar. Also, study will be given to current theories and rules of grammar. (Fall)

ENGL 491  Selected Topics  1-3 hours
Prerequisite: Approval by department chair
This course offers the advanced student opportunity to pursue investigations in fields of special interest under the direction of the departmental staff. Content and method of study must be arranged prior to registration. May be repeated for a total of 3 credits.