

ENGLISH, B.A.

Overview

Mission

The English Department's mission is to inspire careful and reflective readers; train nuanced and complex thinkers; and guide clear, creative, and compelling writers. Together, we aim to appreciate the beauty and power of language, attune ourselves to the complexity of narrative worlds, and glorify God through educating ourselves and others about how language shapes our world.

Degree Program

A Bachelor of Arts degree in English (<https://www.biola.edu/degrees/u/english-ba/>) is offered upon completion of the University baccalaureate with an English major in one of three concentrations: Literature, Writing, or Secondary Instruction. 45-59 credits are required, of which 24 credits must be upper-division in the major.

Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts in English, students will be able to:

1. Articulate how English Studies (skills and attitudes) contributes to a Christian vision of human flourishing (ULO 2).
2. Analyze and interpret (through one or more lenses, whether formal, historical, cultural, religious, or theoretical) how language creates meaning in literary texts (ULO 1).
3. Demonstrate clear and compelling writing with appropriate attention to genre and audience (ULO 3).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information section (<https://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/#UniversityLearningOutcomes>) of this catalog.

Program Requirements

International Students

All students requesting transfer of credits from countries where English is not the primary language must provide the following to be assessed by the English Department prior to approval of credits: sample writings, a course description from the University's catalog, a syllabus of the course, writings from the course and transcript. Final decision will be made by the department chair.

English Language (EL)

All students for whom English is not a primary language may take EL coursework (ENGL 102–105) for GE fulfillment of foreign language degree requirements or for elective credit. For students pursuing the B.A. degree, the 8 credits of EL is needed for the Core Curriculum foreign language requirement.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Program Courses		
English majors meet the ENGL 313 Core Curriculum requirement within the major.		
In addition to the English courses taken for Core Curriculum credit, all students of English must complete 33 credits in required program courses.		
Required of all English Majors:		
ENGL 190	Introduction to English Studies	3
Select one of the following:		
ENGL 251	British Literature I	
ENGL 252	British Literature II	
ENGL 253	British Literature III	
Select one of the following:		
ENGL 281	American Literature I	
ENGL 282	American Literature II	
Select one 200/300/400-level English elective		
The following courses are required of all English Majors:		
ENGL 313	Writing in the Disciplines	3
ENGL 320	Studies in Grammar and Language	3
ENGL 360	Studies in American Literature	3
or ENGL 3601	Studies in American Literature: Realism and Naturalism	
or ENGL 3602	Studies in American Literature: Modernism and Masculinity	
or ENGL 3603	Studies in American Lit: California Dreamin'—Modern & Contemporary Literature of the Golden State	
or ENGL 3604	Studies in American Literature: Mid-20th-Century American Literature	
or ENGL 3605	Studies in American Literature: Contemporary American Literature	
or ENGL 3606	Studies in American Literature: Contemporary Women Writers and Feminist Theory	
ENGL 370	Studies in British Literature	3
or ENGL 3701	Studies in British Literature: Legends of King Arthur	
or ENGL 3702	Studies in British Literature: Monsters & Mayhem in the Middle Ages & Renaissance	
or ENGL 3703	Studies in British Literature: Environment from Enlightenment to Romanticism	
or ENGL 3704	Studies in British Literature: Romanticism	
or ENGL 3705	Studies in British Literature: The Victorian Novel	
ENGL 390	Studies in Literary & Critical Theory	3
Select one of the following:		
ENGL 440	Studies in Major Authors	
or ENGL 4401	Studies in Major Authors: Shakespearean Literature & Film	
or ENGL 4402	Studies in Major Authors: Jane Austen	

or ENGL 4404	Studies in Major Authors: Herman Melville & His Influences	
or ENGL 4405	Studies in Major Authors: John Steinbeck	
or ENGL 4406	Studies in Major Authors: Toni Morrison	
ENGL 460	Studies in Genre	
or ENGL 4601	Studies in Genre: Faith and Unbelief in the Novel	
or ENGL 4602	Studies in Genre: History of the British Novel	
or ENGL 4603	Studies in Genre: Modern & Contemporary Short Stories	
or ENGL 4604	Studies in Genre: Rhetorical Genres	
Required of all English Majors:		
ENGL 495	English Capstone Course	3
Select a concentration below ¹		
Total Credits		33

¹ See concentration tables below which detail the requirements needed to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Concentrations

Literature

For those wishing to focus on the study of literature, the Literature track requires at least 12 credits in upper-division English courses in addition to the required English program courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Program Courses		33
Concentration Courses		
Select two 300/400-level English electives		6
Select two 400-level English electives		6
Concentration Course Requirements: 12 credits		
Core Curriculum Requirements ¹		71
General Electives		4
Total Credits		120

¹ See Core Curriculum Program section (<https://catalog.biola.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-core-curriculum-program/>) for details.

Writing

For those seeking to supplement their study of literature with theoretical and vocational training in writing.

Code	Title	Credits
Program Courses		33
Concentration Courses		
This concentration requires students to take five specialized courses in writing in addition to the required English program courses.		
ENGL 245	Advanced Composition	3
ENGL 410	Studies in Specialized Writing	3
or ENGL 4101	Studies in Specialized Writing: Digital Literacy and New Media	
or ENGL 4102	Studies in Specialized Writing: Vision, Voice, and Practice	

or ENGL 4103	Studies in Specialized Writing: Writing the Novel	
ENGL 415	Technical and Digital Communication	3
Select 2 of the following 3 courses:		
ENGL 343	Creative Writing: Poetry	6
ENGL 344	Creative Writing: Fiction	
ENGL 345	Creative Writing: Nonfiction	
Concentration Course Requirements: 15 credits		
Core Curriculum Requirements ¹		71
General Electives		1
Total Credits		120

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Secondary Instruction

For those interested in teaching English at the high school level, this concentration provides coursework that, combined with successfully passing the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET), leads to a California Single Subject Teaching Credential in English. The Secondary Instruction concentration consists of 56 credits.

The Professional Teacher Preparation Program (<https://catalog.biola.edu/soe/LSEE-ba/#TeacherPrepProgram>) leading to a California Teaching Credential at Biola University is subject to change in response to new legislation. Please see a credential analyst in the School of Education for current information on completing the requirements for a teaching credential. Students must consult with both their major advisor and a School of Education advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
Program Courses		33
Concentration Courses		
COMM 200	The Rhetorical Act ¹	3
or COMM 235	Interpersonal Communication	
or COMM 280	Oral Interpretation	
HIST 200	United States History To 1865 ²	3
or POSC 225	Survey of American Government	
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology ³	3
LEDU 301	Introduction to Teaching	3
LEDU 330	Psychological Foundations of Education	3
LEDU 341	Methods of Teaching Linguistically Diverse Students	3
LEDU 425	Secondary Content Area Reading	3
LEDU 433	Single Subject Pedagogy	2
LEDU 438	Secondary Curriculum, Differentiation, and Assessment	3
Student teaching (12 credits) may be completed at the graduate level and is not required for undergraduate graduation. Please meet with an advisor in the School of Education.		
LEDU 450	Secondary Student Teaching I	
LEDU 452	Secondary Student Teaching II	

Concentration Course Requirements: 26 credits**Core Curriculum Requirements**⁴ **62****Total Credits** **121**¹ This course fulfills the Communication Core Curriculum requirement.² This course fulfills 3 credits of the History Core Curriculum requirement. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires that a teaching credential candidate must have completed a minimum 2-credit course that covers the U.S. Constitution or fulfill this requirement by examination. Biola University students may complete this requirement by taking either HIST 200 or POSC 225 with a grade of C or better. Students receiving AP college credit for either HIST 200 or POSC 225 will also meet this requirement. Transfer coursework must be reviewed by a credential analyst in the School of Education.³ This course fulfills the Behavioral Science Core Curriculum requirement.⁴ See Core Curriculum Program section (<https://catalog.biola.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-core-curriculum-program/>) for details.

Course Sequence

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Taking coursework during the summer session may also be an option to accelerate your degree path.

See Core Curriculum Program section (<https://catalog.biola.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-core-curriculum-program/>) for a list of approved Core Curriculum courses.

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English, B.A. Literature (ENLT)

First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3 BBST 103 or 165	3
ENGL 100 or 112	3 ENGL 190	3
GNST 102	1 HIST 100 or 101	3
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 KNES 107	1
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
14		14

Second Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 209 or 210	3 BBST 209 or 210	3
BBST 251	3 ENGL 281 or 282	3
ENGL 251, 252, or 253	3 ENGL 320	3
HIST 200, 201, or POSC 225	3 Behavioral Science (see Core Curriculum)	3

Literature (see Core Curriculum)	3 KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1
Math (see Core Curriculum)		3
15		16

Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 354	3 BBST 365	3
ENGL 313	3 ENGL 370, 3701, 3702, 3703, 3704, or 3705	3
ENGL 360, 3601, 3602, 3603, 3604, 3605, or 3606	3 ENGL 390	3
Communication (see Core Curriculum)	3 English Elective (200/300/400-level)	3
Fine Arts (see Core Curriculum)	3 Philosophy (see Core Curriculum)	3
Graduation Application due in Registrar's Office		
15		15

Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3 BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3
English Elective (300/400-level)	3 BBST 465	3
English Elective (300/400-level)	3 English Elective (400-level)	3
ENGL 440, 4401, 4402, 4404, 4405, 4406, 460, 4601, 4602, 4603, or 4604	3 English Elective (400-level)	3
General Elective	4 ENGL 495	3
16		15

Total Credits 120

English, B.A. Secondary Instruction (ENED)

First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3 BBST 103 or 165	3
ENGL 100 or 112	3 ENGL 190	3
GNST 102	1 KNES 107	1
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 PSYC 200 (fulfills Behavioral Science Core Curriculum requirement)	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
14		14

Second Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 209 or 210	3 BBST 209 or 210	3
BBST 251	3 COMM 200, 235, or 280 (fulfills Communication Core Curriculum requirement)	3
ENGL 251, 252, or 253	3 ENGL 281 or 282	3
English Elective (200/300/400-level)	3 ENGL 320	3
LEDU 301	3 LEDU 341	3
Literature (see Core Curriculum)	3	
18		15

Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 354	3 BBST 365	3
ENGL 313	3 ENGL 370, 3701, 3702, 3703, 3704, or 3705	3
ENGL 360, 3601, 3602, 3603, 3604, 3605, or 3606	3 ENGL 390	3

LEDU 425	3 HIST 100 or 101	3
Math (see Core Curriculum)	3 LEDU 330	3
	KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1
	Graduation Application due in Registrar's Office	
	15	16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3 BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3
ENGL 440, 4401, 4402, 4404, 4405, 4406, 460, 4601, 4602, 4603, or 4604	3 BBST 465	3
HIST 200 or POSC 225 (fulfills 3 credits of History Core Curriculum requirement)	3 ENGL 495	3
Fine Arts (see Core Curriculum)	3 LEDU 433	2
Philosophy (see Core Curriculum)	3 LEDU 438	3
	LEDU 450 (Not required for graduation; may be taken at grad level.)	0
	LEDU 452 (Not required for graduation; may be taken at grad level.)	0
	15	14

Total Credits 121**English, B.A. Writing (ENWR)****First Year**

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3 BBST 103 or 165	3
ENGL 100 or 112	3 ENGL 190	3
GNST 102	1 HIST 100 or 101	3
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 KNES 107	1
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
	14	14

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 209 or 210	3 BBST 209 or 210	3
BBST 251	3 ENGL 281 or 282	3
ENGL 251, 252, or 253	3 ENGL 320	3
HIST 200, 201, or POSC 225	3 Behavioral Science (see Core Curriculum)	3
Literature (see Core Curriculum)	3 KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1
	Math (see Core Curriculum)	3
	15	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 354	3 BBST 365	3
ENGL 313	3 ENGL 245	3
ENGL 360, 3601, 3602, 3603, 3604, 3605, or 3606	3 ENGL 390	3
ENGL 370, 3701, 3702, 3703, 3704, or 3705	3 Philosophy (see Core Curriculum)	3
Fine Arts (see Core Curriculum)	3 General Elective	1
	Graduation Application due in Registrar's Office	
	15	13

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3 BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3
English Elective (200/300/400-level)	3 BBST 465	3
ENGL 410, 4101, 4102, or 4103	3 ENGL 343, 344, or 345 (Choose two)	6
ENGL 440, 4401, 4402, 4404, 4405, 4406, 460, 4601, 4602, 4603, or 4604	3 ENGL 415	3
Communication (see Core Curriculum)	3 ENGL 495	3
	15	18

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English, B.A. Literature (ENLT)**First Year**

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 101	4 HNRS 105	4
HNRS 102	4 HNRS 106	4
ENGL 251, 252, or 253	3 ENGL 190	3
GNST 102	1 KNES 107	1
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 210	4 HNRS 230	4
HNRS 215	4 HNRS 231	4
English Elective (200/300/400-level)	3 ENGL 281 or 282	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 General Elective	1
	14	12

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 324	4 HNRS 337	4
HNRS 326	2 HNRS 339	2
ENGL 320	3 ENGL 313	3
ENGL 300/400 Elective	3 ENGL 360, 3601, 3602, 3603, 3604, 3605, or 3606	3
KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1 ENGL 370, 3701, 3702, 3703, 3704, or 3705	3

Math (see Core Curriculum)	3 ENGL 300/400 Elective	3
	16	18

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 443	4 HNRS 458	4
BBST 465	3 HNRS 467	2
ENGL 390	3 ENGL 440, 4401, 4402, 4404, 4405, 4406, 460, 4601, 4602, 4603, or 4604	3
ENGL 400 Elective	3 ENGL 495	3
	ENGL 400 Elective	3
	13	15

Total Credits 120

English, B.A. Secondary Instruction (ENED)**First Year**

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 101	4 HNRS 105	4
HNRS 102	4 HNRS 106	4
GNST 102	1 ENGL 190	3
PSYC 200	3 KNES 107	1
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 210	4 HNRS 230	4
HNRS 215	4 HNRS 231	4
ENGL 251, 252, or 253	3 ENGL 281 or 282	3
LEDU 301	3 English Elective (200/300/400-level)	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 LEDU 341	3
	17	17

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 324	4 HNRS 337	4
HNRS 326	2 HNRS 339	2
COMM 200, 235, or 280	3 ENGL 313	3
ENGL 320	3 ENGL 360, 3601, 3602, 3603, 3604, 3605, or 3606	3
LEDU 425	3 ENGL 370, 3701, 3702, 3703, 3704, or 3705	3
KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1 LEDU 330	3
	16	18

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 443	4 HNRS 458	4
LEDU 433	2 HNRS 467	2
LEDU 438	3 BBST 465	3
ENGL 390	3 ENGL 495	3
ENGL 440, 4401, 4402, 4404, 4405, 4406, 460, 4601, 4602, 4603, or 4604	3 Math (see Core Curriculum)	3
	15	15

Total Credits 130

English, B.A. Writing (ENWR)**First Year**

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 101	4 HNRS 105	4
HNRS 102	4 HNRS 106	4
ENGL 251, 252, or 253	3 ENGL 190	3
GNST 102	1 KNES 107	1
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 210	4 HNRS 230	4
HNRS 215	4 HNRS 231	4
ENGL 245	3 ENGL 281 or 282	3
Science (see Core Curriculum)	3 English Elective (200/300/400-level)	3
	14	14

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 324	4 HNRS 337	4
HNRS 326	2 HNRS 339	2
ENGL 320	3 ENGL 313	3
ENGL 343, 344, or 345 (Choose two)	6 ENGL 360, 3601, 3602, 3603, 3604, 3605, or 3606	3
KNES Activity (see Core Curriculum)	1 ENGL 370, 3701, 3702, 3703, 3704, or 3705	3
	16	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 443	4 HNRS 458	4
BBST 465	3 HNRS 467	2
ENGL 390	3 ENGL 410, 4101, 4102, or 4103	3
ENGL 415	3 ENGL 495	3
ENGL 440, 4401, 4402, 4404, 4405, 4406, 460, 4601, 4602, 4603, or 4604	3 Math (see Core Curriculum)	3
	16	15

Total Credits 122