

BA IN ENGLISH

Units required for Major: 44, 27-30 of which must be upper division

Total units required for BA: 120

Program Description

The English department of California State University, Sacramento, is a community of teachers, scholars, writers, and support staff whose primary mission is to promote learning in composition, creative writing, English education, linguistics, literature, and the teaching of English as a second language. The department seeks to help students acquire knowledge, develop skills, and realize their own intellectual and creative goals.


At the undergraduate and graduate levels, the English Department presents a broad and balanced curriculum designed to develop the reading and writing skills, the interpretative abilities, and the cultural awareness of its students by maintaining and enhancing a tradition of strong teaching, solid scholarship, and vigorous support of creative literary activity.

Minimum Grade Requirement

English majors must achieve a grade of "C-" or better in all courses included in the major, unless otherwise specified.

Note: With the noted exception of ENGL 5, English courses may NOT be challenged.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Lower Division Courses (9 Units)		
Select three of the following: ¹		9
ENGL 40A	Introduction to British Literature I ²	
ENGL 40B	Introduction to British Literature II ²	
ENGL 50A	Introduction to American Literature I ²	
ENGL 50B	Introduction to American Literature II ²	
ENGL 65	Introduction to World Literatures in English ²	
Required Upper Division Courses (10 Units)		
ENGL 120A	Advanced Composition	4
ENGL 198X	Senior Portfolio	2
ENGL 198T	Senior Seminar In English ³	4
Additional Requirements		
<i>Historical Breadth requirement</i>		
Select one of the following (unless ENGL 40A or ENGL 50A has been taken as one of the required Lower Division courses). ⁴		
ENGL 40A	Introduction to British Literature I ²	
ENGL 50A	Introduction to American Literature I ²	
ENGL 110B	History of the English Language	
ENGL 140B	Medieval Literature	
ENGL 140C	The English Renaissance	
ENGL 140E	Restoration & Eighteenth-Century Drama	
ENGL 140F	British Literature, 1660-1780	
ENGL 140G	The Eighteenth-Century British Novel	
ENGL 140R	Renaissance Drama	
ENGL 141A	The Essential Shakespeare 	

ENGL 141B	Shakespop: Shakespeare and Popular Culture ²
ENGL 145A	Chaucer - Canterbury Tales
ENGL 145B	Shakespeare - Early Plays, 1592-1600
ENGL 145C	Shakespeare - Later Plays, 1600-1612
ENGL 145I	John Milton
ENGL 150A	Early American Literature

Electives (25 Units)

Select 25 units; these 25 units must include a course that meets the Historical Breadth requirement unless that requirement has been met by taking ENGL 40A or ENGL 50A as one of the required Lower Division courses⁵

Total Units **44**

- ¹ Students must take at least one British Literature survey (ENGL 40A, ENGL 40B), and at least one American Literature survey (ENGL 50A, ENGL 50B). We recommend that lower division requirements be completed no later than the first semester in which the student begins taking required upper division courses.
- ² Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.
- ³ Students are required to complete a course in their senior year, selecting from courses specially designated as Senior Seminars. The seminar has a reduced class size and requires a term paper, student presentations and submission of the student's work.
- ⁴ Students must take **one** of the classes listed to satisfy this requirement (unless they have already taken ENGL 40A or ENGL 50A as one of the required Lower Division courses)
- ⁵ In addition to the required courses, student take an additional 25 units of electives, including their writing intensive course, which must be taken in the English department. Of those 25 units, at least 18 units must be upper division. Students can satisfy the historical breadth requirement by taking ENGL 40A or ENGL 50A as one of their required Lower Division courses; students who have not done so must take at least one course that meets the Historical Breadth requirement as part of their 25 units of elective courses in the major.

Notes:

- Students must complete 18 units of English, of which at least 15 must be in upper division (100-level) courses, in residence at California State University, Sacramento.
- The following courses may not be included toward the major:

Code	Title	Units
ENGL 1	Basic Writing Skills	3
ENGL 3	Introduction to Academic Discourse	4
ENGL 3M	Introduction to Academic Discourse for Multilingual Students	4
ENGL 5	Accelerated Academic Literacies	3
ENGL 1C	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
ENGL 1X	Academic Literacies Workshop	1
ENGL 5M	Accelerated Academic Literacies - Multilingual	3
ENGL 10	Academic Literacies I	3
ENGL 10M	Academic Literacies I - Multilingual	3
ENGL 11	Academic Literacies II	3
ENGL 11M	Academic Literacies II-Multilingual	3
ENGL 20	College Composition II	3
ENGL 20M	College Composition II for Multilingual Students	3

ENGL 60	Active Reading Across the Curriculum	2
ENGL 60M	Reading for Speed and Efficiency for Multilingual Students	2
ENGL 85	Grammar for Multilingual Writers	2
ENGL 86	College Language Skills for Multilingual Students	4
ENGL 87	Basic Writing Skills for Multilingual Students	3
ENGL 109M	Preparing to Write in the Disciplines - Multilingual	3
ENGL 109W	Preparing to Write in the Disciplines	3
ENGL 109X	Writing-Intensive Workshop	1

- Up to 6 units of ENGL 199 may be included in the 27 upper division units. Three units in an upper division literature class from another major may also be included.
- English majors must fulfill the GE Writing Intensive "superveniient requirement" with courses **in the major, only**.

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)		
A1 - Oral Communication		3
A2 - Written Communication		3
A3 - Critical Thinking		3
Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (13 Units)		
B1 - Physical Science		3
B2 - Life Forms		3
B3 - Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)		1
B4 - Math Concepts		3
B5 - Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.		3
Area C: Arts and Humanities (6 Units)		
C1 - Arts		3
C2 - Humanities ²		0
C1/C2 - Area C Course ²		0
C1/C2 - Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.		3
Area D: The Individual and Society (9 Units)		
Area D Course		3
Area D Course		3
Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.		3
Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)		
Area E Course		3
Area F: Ethnic Studies (3 Units)		
Area F Course		3
Total Units		43

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

Graduation Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (6 Units)		
American Institutions: U.S. History		3
American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government		3
Writing Intensive (WI) ²		0
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (9 Units)		
English Composition II ³		0
Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)		3
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ⁴		6

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² Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

Note: For a list of ENGL Writing Intensive courses, see the General Education page (<http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

³ Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

⁴ If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

The following roadmaps are sample planning resources. Please consult your academic advisor and Academic Catalog for graduation requirements as you develop your individualized academic plan.

English, BA: 4-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
First Semester		
ENGL 21	First Year Seminar: Becoming an Educated Person	3
ENGL 40A or ENGL 40B or ENGL 50A or ENGL 50B or ENGL 65	Introduction to British Literature I ³ or Introduction to British Literature II or Introduction to American Literature I or Introduction to American Literature II or Introduction to World Literatures in English	3
GE Area 1A - English Composition ²		3
GE Area 1B - Critical Thinking ²		3

GE Area 6 - Ethnic Studies ²		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
ENGL 40B or ENGL 40A or ENGL 50A or ENGL 50B or ENGL 65	Introduction to British Literature II ³ or Introduction to British Literature I or Introduction to American Literature I or Introduction to American Literature II or Introduction to World Literatures in English	3
GE Area 1C - Oral Communication ²		3
GE Area 2 - Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
GE Area 3A - Arts ²		3
GR American Institutions (US History) ²		3
Units		15
Year 2		
First Semester		
ENGL 50A or ENGL 40A or ENGL 40B or ENGL 50B or ENGL 65	Introduction to American Literature I ³ or Introduction to British Literature I or Introduction to British Literature II or Introduction to American Literature II or Introduction to World Literatures in English	3
GE Area 5A - Physical Science ²		3
GR American Institutions (GOVT) ²		3
Foreign Language Semester 1 ²		4
Elective of Choice		3
Units		16
Second Semester		
English Major Elective ³		3
GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences ²		3
GE Area 5B - Biological Science ²		3
GE Area 5C - Laboratory ²		1
Foreign Language Semester 2 ²		4
Units		14
Year 3		
First Semester		
ENGL 120A	Advanced Composition	4
English Historical Breadth Elective ³		3
English Major Elective ³		3
GE Area 3B - Humanities ²		3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
Units		16
Second Semester		
English Writing Intensive ³		3
English Major Elective ³		3
English Major Elective ³		3
Writing Intensive ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Year 4		
First Semester		
ENGL 198T	Senior Seminar In English	4
ENGL 198X	Senior Portfolio	2
English Major Elective ³		3
English Major Elective ³		3

Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
English Major Elective ³		3
English Major Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities ²		3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Total Units		121

English, BA: 2-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
First Semester		
ENGL 120A	Advanced Composition	4
English Historical Breadth Elective ³		3
English Major Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities ²		3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
Units		16
Second Semester		
English Writing Intensive ³		3
English Major Elective ³		3
English Major Elective ³		3
Foreign Language Semester 1 ²		4
Elective of Choice		3
Units		16
Year 2		
First Semester		
ENGL 198T	Senior Seminar In English	4
ENGL 198X	Senior Portfolio	2
English Major Elective ³		3
English Major Elective ³		3
Foreign Language Semester 2 ²		4
Units		16
Second Semester		
English Major Elective ³		3
English Major Elective ³		3
English Major Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences + American Institutions (GOVT) ²		3
GR American Institutions (US History) ²		3
Units		15
Total Units		63

- Any course not completed in the first semester should be taken in the second or a later semester.
- Please see General Education/Graduation Requirement **course options** (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).
- Please see an academic advisor for elective options.