

English, BA

Bachelor of Arts in English Degree Program Requirements

The English Program prepares students for a wide range of career and graduate studies opportunities through its emphases on critical and creative thinking, social and historical analysis, and advanced research and writing skills. With their highly adaptable skills and knowledge, recent English graduates have entered professions and graduate programs related to teaching and counseling, publishing and media production, legal studies, advertising and public relations, public policy and international relations, and much more.

While studying a wide range of literary periods, genres, and theories, English majors develop advanced communication skills and other qualities that will help them become leaders and innovators within their chosen professions, qualities like social and historical consciousness, emotional intelligence, and creative problem-solving. English majors can choose from the two concentrations described below: **English without Teacher Certification (EGWO)** and **English with Teacher Certification (TENL)**.

Complete Core Curriculum Listing at <https://catalog.pvamu.edu/universitycorecurriculum/>

Core Curriculum 42 Credit Hours

Communication		6
ENGL 1301	Freshman Composition I	
ENGL 1302	Freshman Composition II	
Mathematics (Select One)		3
Life and Physical Sciences (Select Two)		6
Language, Philosophy, and Culture (Select One) ¹		3
Creative Arts (Select One)		3
American History (Select Two)		6
Government/Political Science		6
POSC 2305	American Government	
POSC 2306	Texas Government	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Select One)		3
Component Area Option One (Select One)		3
Component Area Option Two (Select One)		3
Foreign Language (Elementary level in same language)		6
Required English Courses		24
ENGL 2322	British Literature I	
ENGL 2323	British Literature II	
ENGL 2327	American Literature I	
ENGL 2328	American Literature II	
ENGL 3322	Advanced Grammar	
ENGL 3305	Survey of African-American Literature	
or ENGL 3306	Studies in African-American Literature	
or ENGL 3308	Literature of the African Diaspora	
ENGL 3315	Literary Theory and Criticism	
ENGL 4343	Special Topics in English	
Concentration (Select one from below)		48
Total Hours		120

¹ ENGL 2341, ENGL 2334, and ENGL 2331 are options for the core, but they may not be used to satisfy both core and major requirements.

English Without Teacher Certification Concentration (EGWO)

The EGWO concentration provides English majors with a flexible degree plan that allows them to develop a strong foundation in English language and literature while also giving them the freedom to develop additional skills and explore other academic fields. The three English electives allow majors to further develop their literary knowledge or develop valuable skills in creative and professional writing. Meanwhile, the minor and unrestricted electives allow them to craft a truly individualized and interdisciplinary program of study. Recent graduates have used the flexibility of the EGWO Concentration

to gain employment in fields like media production and publishing, professional writing, marketing, and human resources. Others have entered graduate programs in English, Law, International Studies, Public Policy, Psychology and Counseling, and other fields. While English graduates in the EGWO concentration are not certified to teach, they are thoroughly prepared to enter external certification programs and pass the necessary certification exams. Many are fully certified to teach in ELAR (English Language Arts and Reading) or other fields within a few months of graduating.

EGWO Concentration Requirements

ENGL 4322	Shakespeare	3
or ENGL 4326	Toni Morrison	
English Electives (choose three ENGL courses at the 2000 level or above)		9
Minor Requirements ¹		18
Unrestricted Electives ²		18
Total Hours		48

¹ English majors in the EGWO concentration are required to select a minor of their choice. They must satisfy the catalog requirements for the selected minor.

² Unrestricted electives may be chosen from any area. If the selected minor is more than 18 SCH, unrestricted electives may be reduced.

English With Teacher Certification Concentration (TENL) ¹

The TENL concentration is less flexible than the EGWO concentration, but by the time students graduate they are fully certified for ELAR 7-12 teaching.

Recent graduates on the certification track have found ready employment in local school districts and have quickly distinguished themselves as talented educators. Many have gone on to receive graduate degrees in education or counseling, allowing them to become administrators or enter other specialized positions. Others have completed graduate work in English and other fields in order to qualify them to teach dual credit and college-level courses. The teacher certification requirements associated with the TENL concentration are administered through the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education, so students should consult an advisor in that college as soon as they choose the certification track.

TENL Concentration Requirements

ENGL 2325	Adolescent Literature	3
ENGL 2331	Survey of World Literature	3
ENGL 3302	Creative Writing Practices	3
ENGL 3304	Professional Writing for Electronic Media	3
RDNG 4363	Developmental Reading	3
RDNG 4365	Foundations of Reading Instruction	3
SPED 3300	Introduction to Exceptional Children	3
CUIN 3300	Educational Foundations	3
CUIN 3301	Educational Psychology	3
ENGL 4300	Studies in Teaching ELAR (Studies in Teaching ELAR)	3
ENGL 4322	Shakespeare	3
or ENGL 4326	Toni Morrison	
CUIN 4301	Instructional Methods and Classroom Management	3
CUIN 4682	Student Teaching Secondary II ²	6
Additional Foreign Language (Intermediate in same language)		3
Unrestricted Elective		3
Total Hours		48

¹ Students should apply for admission to teacher education during the second semester of their sophomore year to be able to enroll in CUIN courses during the junior year. Consult an advisor in the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education (<https://www.pvamu.edu/education/>) for the current criteria for admission.

² Students may not enroll in other courses during the semester in which they are enrolled in CUIN 4682.

Bachelor of Arts in English - Without Teacher Certification Degree Sequence

Core: <https://catalog.pvamu.edu/universitycorecurriculum/>

Freshman

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
Communication Core		3 Communication Core	3
ENGL 1301		ENGL 1302	
American History Core		3 American History Core	3
Government/Political Science Core		3 Government/Political Science Core	3
POSC 2305		POSC 2306	
Mathematics Core		3 Life and Physical Sciences Core	3
Life and Physical Sciences Core		3 Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core	3
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30

Sophomore

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
ENGL 2322		3 ENGL 2323	3
ENGL 2327		3 ENGL 2328	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences Core		3 Minor Requirement I	3
Creative Arts Core		3 Unrestricted Elective	3
Component Area Option One Core		3 Component Area Option Two Core	3
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30

Junior

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
ENGL 3315		3 ENGL 3305, 3306, or 3308	3
English Elective		3 ENGL 3322	3
Minor Requirement II		3 Minor Requirement III	3
Unrestricted Elective		3 Minor Requirement IV	3
Foreign Language I		3 Foreign Language II	3
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30

Senior

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
ENGL 4322 or 4326		3 ENGL 4343	3
English Elective		3 English Elective	3
Minor Requirement V		3 Minor Requirement VI	3
Unrestricted Elective		3 Unrestricted Elective	3
Unrestricted Elective		3 Unrestricted Elective	3
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30

Name	Unit
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Total Semester Credit Hours: 120

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Freshman

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
Communication Core		3 Communication Core	3
ENGL 1301		ENGL 1302	
American History Core		3 American History Core	3
Government/Political Science Core		3 Government/Political Science Core	3
POSC 2305		POSC 2306	
Mathematics Core		3 Life and Physical Sciences Core	3
Life and Physical Sciences Core		3 Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core	3
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30**Sophomore**

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
ENGL 2322		3 ENGL 2323	3
ENGL 2327		3 ENGL 2328	3
ENGL 2331		3 Component Area Option One Core	3
Unrestricted Elective		3 ENGL 2325	3
Foreign Language I		3 Foreign Language II	3
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30**Junior**

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
ENGL 3302		3 ENGL 3305, 3306, or 3308	3
ENGL 3315		3 ENGL 3322	3
ENGL 3304		3 ENGL 4343	3
Teacher Concentration Requirement		3 Teacher Concentration Requirement	3
Foreign Language III		3 Teacher Concentration Requirement	3
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30**Senior**

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
ENGL 4322 or 4326		3 Student Teaching I	6
Teacher Concentration Requirement		3 Teacher Concentration Requirement	
Teacher Concentration Requirement		3	
Teacher Concentration Requirement		3	
Teacher Concentration Requirement		3	
Total		15 Total	6

Total Hours: 21

Total Semester Credit Hours

120

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills, as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>), include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas, are valued by employers, and can be either primary or complementary to a major. Marketable skills are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.

BA English***Degree Skills***

1. Critical thinking and creative problem-solving
2. Critical empathy (the ability to understand the experiences of others and apply that understanding to ethical decision-making)

3. Information literacy (the ability to find, evaluate, and use information effectively and ethically)
4. Rhetorical awareness (the ability to communicate effectively for different audiences and purposes using a variety of media)
5. Proofreading, editing, and formatting to produce polished written products
6. Oral and visual presentation

Concentration Skills

1. Teaching and training
2. Technical writing
3. Creative writing

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Skills

1. Adaptability/Flexibility
2. Tolerance to change and uncertainty