

The mission of the Department of English is to teach literature and language arts at the level of the core curriculum for all undergraduates and at the baccalaureate level for majors and minors. Through its courses and programs, the Department of English aims to equip students to succeed in academic endeavors in college as well as graduate and professional schools and to prepare them to assume responsible roles in society.

The Department of English offers courses leading towards two degrees, one undergraduate and one graduate: the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree in English, with two tracks, Non-Teaching, Track I, and Teaching, Track II, and the Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree in English.

In selecting an English major or minor, students must register in the Department of English and seek advisement from departmental advisors. Students wishing to petition for an English major or minor must have minimum GPA's of 2.50 in English and must have grades of "C" or better in all English courses completed at the time their petitions are made. For the baccalaureate or undergraduate degree, students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 121 semester hours for the B.A. Degree in English, Track I, and 122 semester hours for the B.A. Degree in English, Track II.

Students majoring in English Track I option (non-teaching) are required to declare minors in a second academic discipline. Students majoring in English Track II option (teaching certification) must take 21 hours of Education Courses in EDCI, including student teaching and six hours of reading required, in place of a minor.

Grades of "C" or better are required in all courses dedicated to either the major or the minor program. No course offered through the Department can be used to satisfy both a core curriculum requirement and a major requirement for graduation. To be eligible for graduation as English majors, students must follow a program of specific course requirements as well as complete an exit examination.

Course requirements for the major and minor programs are summarized as follows:

1. For the major in English, Non-Teaching Track I, 121 semester hours are required, including the following three-credit courses: ENG 230, ENG 231, ENG 302, ENG 303, ENG 304, ENG 338, ENG 430, ENG 432, ENG 433, ENG 440 or ENG 441.
2. For the major in English, Teaching Track II, 122 semester hours are required, including the following three-credit courses: ENG 230, ENG 231, ENG 302, ENG 303 or ENG 304, ENG 338, ENG 430, ENG 432, ENG 433, ENG 440 or ENG 441. Individuals interested in seeking certification for teaching in the public schools of Texas should contact the Teacher Certification Officer in the College of Education at Texas Southern University for application instructions.
3. For the minor in English, 21 semester credit hours are required, including the following three-credit courses: ENG 230, ENG 231, ENG 302, ENG 303 or ENG 304, ENG 338, ENG 430, ENG 432, and ENG 440 or 441.