

# ENGLISH FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS, BACHELOR OF ARTS (561)

## Program Coordinator

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The English for Secondary Teachers major prepares students for certification to teach grades 8-12. The major is well rounded, featuring work in literature, writing, language study, and allied language arts. It is structured to meet specific accreditation and certification requirements while still offering students choice in course selection.

Instead of a minor or second major requirement, this major includes a component of Professional Education courses, culminating in a semester of student teaching. In addition to the usual study-abroad opportunities available to students, a portion of the student teaching semester may be completed abroad.

Although the major is specifically aimed at preparing future secondary teachers, graduates are free to pursue other career paths appropriate for English majors, and they have the flexibility to go on to graduate study either in English or in education.

## Program Requirements (54 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at [www.wku.edu/registrar/degree\\_certification.php](http://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php). ([https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree\\_certification.php](https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php))

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

The major in English for secondary teachers is intended for those seeking certification to teach in grades 8-12. It requires a minimum of 54 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. No minor or second major is required. (Teacher certification requires an additional 33 hours of education courses specified by the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.) A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses applying to the major.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
ENG 104	Introduction to Linguistics	3
ENG 204	English Language	3
ENG 299	Introduction to English Studies	3
ENG 301	Argument and Analysis in Written Discourse	3
ENG 385	Studies in World Literature	3
ENG 391	Survey of American Literature I	3
ENG 410	Composition Theory and Practice in Writing Instruction	3
ENG 416	Literature/EST Capstone	3
COMM 145	Fundamentals of Public Speaking and Communication	3

THEA 151	Theatre Appreciation <sup>1</sup>	3
ENG 476	Critical Approaches to Literature in the Secondary Curriculum	3
<b>Literature Surveys</b>		
Select two of the following:		6
ENG 381	Survey of British Literature I	
ENG 382	Survey of British Literature II	
ENG 392	Survey of American Literature II	
<b>Allied Language Arts</b>		
Select two of the following:		6
COMM 245	Argumentation and Debate	
COMM 345	Advanced Public Speaking	
JOUR 202	Introduction to News Writing	
THEA 425	Play Production in the Schools	
THEA 325	Theatre in Education	
<b>Writing Electives</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
ENG 212	Introduction to Digital Texts and Media	
ENG 303	Intermediate Fiction Writing	
ENG 305	Intermediate Poetry Writing	
ENG 311	Creative Nonfiction Writing	
ENG 329	Special Topics in Creative Writing	
ENG 358	Drama Writing	
ENG 401	Advanced Composition	
ENG 402	Editing and Publishing	
ENG 415	Writing and Technology	
<b>Literature Elective</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
ENG 333	Medieval Literature	
ENG 339	Special Topics in Literature	
ENG 340	Speculative Fiction	
ENG 354	History of Drama to 1640	
ENG 355	History of Drama Since 1640	
ENG 365	Film Adaptation	
ENG 387	Studies in Autobiography	
ENG 394	Kentucky Literature	
ENG 395	Contemporary U.S. Literature	
ENG 396	Mythology	
ENG 398	Hemingway and Faulkner	
ENG 430	19th Century American Literature	
ENG 455	American Drama	
ENG 457	British Literature Since 1900	
ENG 459	Modern Drama	
ENG 460	Literary Theory and Criticism	
ENG 468	Early Modern English Literature	
ENG 481	Chaucer	
ENG 482	Shakespeare	
ENG 484	British Romanticism	
ENG 486	The Eighteenth Century	
ENG 487	Dante's Divine Comedy and Its Influences	
ENG 488	Victorian Literature and Culture	

ENG 489	The English Novel	
ENG 490	The American Novel	
ENG 493	American Poetry	
ENG 495	Southern Literature	
<b>Literature of Diversity</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
ENG 360	Queer Literature	
ENG 370	U.S. Ethnic Literature	
ENG 393	African American Literature	
ENG 497	Women's Literature	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>54</b>

<sup>1</sup> COMM 145 and THEA 151 also count as Colonnade courses.

NOTE: A former requirement—either CIS 141 or LME 448—is now recommended only for students who perceive a weakness in their technology skills.

### Professional Education Courses

Code	Title	Hours
EDU 250	Discover Teaching: Introduction to Teacher Education	3
PSY 310	Educational Psychology: Development and Learning	3
SEC 350	Clinical Practices in Secondary Teaching I	4
EDU 350	Student Diversity and Differentiation	3
EDU 360	Behavior and Classroom Management in Education	3
SEC 450	Clinical Practices in Secondary Teaching II	1
SEC 475	Teaching Language Arts	3
EDU 260	Classroom Assessment	3
SEC 490	Student Teaching	10
EDU 489	Student Teaching Seminar	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

**Total English with Secondary Certification: 88 hours**

### Finish in Four Plan

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 100		3 ENG 200	3
ENG 104		3 ENG 204	3
EDU 250		3 EDU 260	3
THEA 151		3 COMM 145	3
Natural & Physical Science & Lab		3 MATH 109 or MATH 116	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
Second Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 299		3 EDU 350	3
ENG 300		3 EDU 360	3
ENG 385 or ENG 391		3 ENG 385 or ENG 391	3
ENG Survey (1 of 2: 381, 382, or 392)		3 ENG 301	3

PSY 310	3 Allied Language Arts (1 of 2)	3
HIST 101 or HIST 102	3	
		<b>18</b>
		<b>15</b>

Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG Writing Elective (1 of 1)		3 SEC 350	4
ENG Survey (2 of 2: 381, 382, or 392)		3 ENG 476	3
Allied Language Arts (2 of 2)		3 ENG 410	3
Social & Behavioral		3 ENG Literature of Diversity (1 of 1)	3
Natural & Physical Science (w/o Lab)		3 Connections: Systems	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

Fourth Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 416		3 SEC 490	10
SEC 450		1 EDU 489	3
SEC 475		3	
ENG Literature Elective (1 of 1)		3	
Connections: Social & Cultural		3	
Connections: Local to Global		3	
		<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>

**Total Hours 123**