

# ENGLISH

# BULLETIN

Tentative Schedule

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Course Descriptions

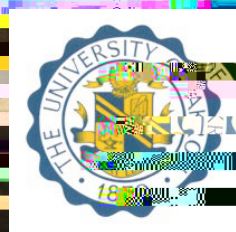
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Program

Descriptions and

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And more!



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# Statement of Purpose

This issue of The University of Akron English Department Course Bulletin reflects the efforts on the part of the Department faculty to enrich the Department curriculum.

In addition to courses in Shakespeare, English literature, American literature, and world literature, a wide range of writing and linguistics courses are offered for undergraduate and graduate students.

Prospective students will find upcoming courses described by the professors who will teach them. These descriptions provide the student with a clearer outline of course content and requirements than can be found in either The University of Akron's General Bulletin or the class schedule bulletin which is issued by the University.

Courses are arranged in this Course Bulletin in numerical order. Courses which satisfy the Shakespeare, linguistics, and world/multicultural literature requirements, as well as the minor requirements are identified in the course descriptions.

The English faculty hopes this bulletin will be helpful to counselors and students in planning the best possible selection of major courses and electives.

**The following courses DO NOT currently count toward the English major or minor degree requirements:**

**ENGL 110; ENGL 111; ENGL 112; ENGL 250; ENGL 252; and ENGL 281.**







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# Fall 2024 Tentative Course Schedule

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276	Intro to Creative Nonfiction Writing	8
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## Requirements for the BA in English (330000BA)

Our course of study of literature, language, rhetoric, and creative writing fosters the development of critical thinking, skilled communication, appreciation of cultural contexts, informed citizenship, and knowledge of the various literary texts representing human thought and inquiry through the centuries. Students majoring in English studies go on to become successful professionals in their chosen fields. Graduates have taken the department's reputation into the world outside the campus gates and hold careers ranging from positions in successful law practices, to jobs as published authors, technical writers, and journalists.

The Department of English urges all English majors to meet with the English Department Advisor at least once a year to discuss their progress toward the degree.

Please visit The University of Akron's [Undergraduate Bulletin page for the English BA](#) for the current degree requirements.

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# Minors in English

## Minor in English (330000M)

1. 18 hours of courses in the English Department with at least 6 of those hours at the 300/400 level.

## Minor in Creative Writing (330007M)

1. Two introductory creative writing courses (Min. Credits: 6) from:

ENGL276 Introduction to Creative Nonfiction Writing

ENGL277 Introduction to Poetry Writing

ENGL278 Introduction to Fiction Writing

ENGL279 Introduction to Script Writing

2. At least one advanced creative writing course (Min. Credits: 3) from:

ENGL377 Advanced Poetry Writing

ENGL378 Advanced Fiction Writing

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## Procedures for Minors



See the department advisor Prof. Lisa Rhoades for information and guidance. Take the required courses. Then, when applying for graduation, fill out an application for minor(s) form and turn it in with your graduation application. Your college record will document the minor(s) you have earned. Forms are available in the department.

## Other Notes

Students must achieve an overall GPA of at least 2.0 to earn the minor.

If a student desires a minor from the same department/school as their major, there is a college requirement for a minimum of nine (9) nonoverlapping credits between the minor and the major, as well as between the minor and other minor programs in the department/school.

Courses ENGL 110, ENGL 111, ENGL 112, ENGL 250, ENGL 252, and ENGL 281 DO NOT count toward any minor degree requirements.

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# Undergraduate Certificate in Linguistic Studies (330008C)

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Completion of five linguistically oriented courses is required as follows: the foundation course, two core courses and at least two elective courses. Three or more of the courses must be at the 300/400 level. (Subject to approval by the program director, other theoretically oriented linguistics courses may substitute for core courses.)

To obtain the certificate, the student must have at least two semesters of a second language. A student entering the program should discuss plans with the director.

## Foundation (Required)

ENGL 371 Introduction to Linguistics OR  
ENGL 466 Linguistics and Language Arts

## Core (Minimum of two of the following)

ENGL 470 History of the English Language  
ENGL 477 Sociolinguistics  
ENGL 478 Grammatical Structures of English  
PHIL 481 Philosophy of Language  
SLPA 230 Language Science and AcquisitionOR  
SLPA 430 Aspects of Normal Language Development

## Electives (Minimum of two of the following)

ENGL 400 Anglo Saxon  
ENGL 473 Theoretical Foundations and Principles of ESL  
ANTH 101 Human Cultures  
ANTH 251 Human Diversity  
CPSC 430 Theory of Programming Languages  
CPSC 440 Compiler Design  
CPSC 460 Artificial Intelligence and Heuristics Programming  
SPAN 403 Advanced Grammar  
PHIL 170 Introduction to Logic  
PHIL 374 Symbolic Logic  
PHIL 418 20th Century Analytic Philosophy  
PHIL 471 Metaphysics  
POLIT 402 Politics and the Media  
POLIT 403 Media, Crime and Public Opinion  
COMM 325 Intercultural Communication  
SLPA 101 American Sign Language I  
SLPA 210

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# Undergraduate Certificate in Teaching English a Second Language (330003C)

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This program is intended for both native and nonnative speakers of English who seek training in the teaching of English as a second language (ESL) and wish to obtain an initial qualification to teach ESL/EFL (English as a Foreign Language) in educational settings other than public schools in Ohio and other states or in countries outside the United States. The program is designed to introduce the student to central issues in the theory and practice of teaching English to nonnative speakers through courses in modern and applied linguistics, in second language pedagogy, and in related disciplines.

Students who do not have English as a native language must demonstrate adequate proficiency in English with a valid TOEFL score of 550 (paper based)/213 (computer based)/79 (Internet based/iBT) or higher, or a valid IELTS score of 6.0 or higher. The awarding of this certificate is not contingent upon completion of a degree program. Undergraduate certificate programs require a 2.00 grade point average.

## PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Students admitted with an undergraduate status are required to take ENGL111 English Composition I and ENGL112 English Composition II prior to applying for the certificate.
2. All students who wish to pursue the TESL certificate should meet with the program director to discuss the program and availability of courses.
3. To apply for the certificate, fill out the “ADD Certificate” form with the certificate advisor. After all requirements are completed, fill out the “Undergraduate Certificate Program Application” with the certificate advisor. A

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**Electives\*\*** (Min. Credits: 3)

- ENGL 470 History of the English Language
- ENGL 477 Sociolinguistics
- ENGL 487 Field Experience: Teaching Second Language Learners
- SPAN 403 Advanced Grammar
- EDCI 456 Scaffolding Language and Content to Second Language Learners
- EDCI 485 Teaching Language Literacy to Second Language Learners
- EDCI 487 Techniques of Teaching English as a Second Language
- COMM 325 Intercultural Communication
- SLPA 230 Language Science & Acquisition
- SLPA 430 Aspects of Normal Language Development

\*Students should have successfully completed ENGL371 or ENGL466 prior to taking this course.

\*\*Choice to be decided in consultation with the program director.



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# Department of English BA/MA Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP)

## ACCELERATED OPTION

You can earn your bachelor's and master's in less time and at a significant savings.

The Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) program is a 5-year bridge program between our undergraduate B. A. Degree in English and our graduate M. A. in English degrees. Selected students can complete up to 9 credits of graduate coursework during their fourth undergraduate year at the University of Akron. Students will then transition into our M. A. graduate program, pending satisfactory fulfillment of their undergraduate degree and graduate program admission requirements. Selected students have the potential to earn both an undergraduate and graduate degree from the University of Akron in 5 years.

The advantages to the accelerated program include:

Flexibility during graduate school.

Students can complete graduate classes while fulfilling undergraduate degree requirements.

Reduce time.

Students start fulfilling graduate school requirements sooner. The ADP Program engages students in graduate level courses before their peers and provides the opportunity to make connections with graduate instructors and other students in the program.

Save tuition costs.

Students can save tuition costs by completing up to 9 graduate credit hours at the undergraduate price. These same graduate credits will be applied to their graduate degree at The University of Akron.

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# Graduate Programs in English

## Admission Requirements

### M.A. Program

To be accepted into the M.A. program, the English Department requires that applicants have a B.A. in English, a minor in English, or other suitable course preparation.

To qualify for full admission, a student must meet the Graduate School requirement of a minimum overall GPA of 2.75 for four years or 3.0 over the last two years.

Complete the [online application through the Graduate School](#) Applicants must request that official transcripts of undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate work, be sent to the Graduate School. A nonrefundable application fee is also required. Applications should be received at least six weeks prior to registration, which may occur in the fall, spring, or summer terms.

To qualify for provisional admission, the Graduate School requires a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 over four years or 2.75 over the last two years. A student whose GPA falls below 2.75 or who lacks the B.A. in English may be granted deferred admission and given ~~post~~provisional status, which is a probationary category.

### NEOMFA Program

Applicants to the NEOMFA in Creative Writing must be accepted by the Graduate School at The University of Akron or one of the other three participating universities. They must also submit three letters of recommendation, transcripts, and a writing portfolio. The portfolio will be reviewed by an admissions committee of members from all three universities. Applicants using The University of Akron as a “gateway” school for the MFA must additionally satisfy the requirements for the M.A. program listed above.

For those students admitted to the NEOMFA program, up to nine credits from previously uncompleted graduate degrees may be accepted for transfer credit. Of the nine elective credits, up to six may be from Advisor



## Financial Aid

### Graduate Teaching Assistantships

Graduate Teaching Assistantships in the Department of English are awarded on a competitive basis to MFA students. Applications for fall appointments will be accepted until February 1.

Students may renew twice, for a total of three years of support.

Along with the application form, applicants for assistantships must submit a clean copy of a writing sample in the form of a typed essay completed in a college course (~~10~~ pages), a letter of application, and two letters of recommendation. Scores from the Graduate Record Examination are not required. Please email all materials directly to the Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Hillary Nunn, at [nunn@uakron.edu](mailto:nunn@uakron.edu)

The letter of application should address:

1. why you are interested in the position
2. what prepares you for the position both as far as your work history and academic preparation, and
3. how your experiences and interests would contribute to the program's academic atmosphere.



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## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the graduate application and official transcripts, applicants must submit a statement of purpose

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# Requirements for the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing



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# Graduate Certificate in Composition (330002GC)

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## REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the certificate in Composition, a person must be admitted to the University as a graduate student (with either full or provisional status). An eligible person interested in the program should contact the certificate coordinator.

### Required Courses

ENGL 673 Theories of Composition

ENGL 674 Research Methodologies in Composition

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ENGL 676 Theory and Teaching of Basic Composition

### Electives\* (9 credits from the following list chosen with the certificate director)

ENGL 600 Teaching Coll Comp Practicum

ENGL 625 Autobiographical Writing

ENGL 650 New Rhetorics

ENGL 651 The Pragmatists

ENGL 660 Cultural Studies

ENGL 670 Modern Linguistics

ENGL 679 Scholarly Writing

ENGL 574 African American English

ENGL 577 Sociolinguistics

ENGL 578 Grammatical Structures of English



**Note: Each course listed here is 3 credit hours.**

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\*Other courses may be considered in consultation with the director.

Graduate students who are not enrolled in a University of Akron graduate degree program must apply for admission to the certificate program through the Graduate School. Students who are currently in a graduate program should contact the Certificate Coordinator to add certificate programs.

Once the coursework for the certificate has been completed, students should apply for graduation in MyAkron.





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# Graduate Certificate in English Dual Credit Preparation (530113GC)

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The University of Akron's Graduate Certificate in English Dual Credit Preparation offers a cohesive set of coursework for high school English teachers who wish to meet the credentialing standard for dual-credit instructors in the state of Ohio. Our online Certificate forms a foundation for the teaching of general education courses in both Composition and Literature, providing 18 hours of coursework in the discipline for those teachers who already have or are



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# Department Contacts

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## English Department Program Codes

330000BA	English Major
330000M	Minor in English
330007M	Minor in Creative Writing
330009M	Minor in Popular Literature & Film
330011M	Minor in African American Lit & Lang
330000MAT	MA in English
330007MFA	Creative Writing - NEOMFA
330003C	Undergraduate Certificate in TESL
330008C	Undergraduate Certificate in Linguistic Studies
770008C	Undergraduate Certificate in Professional Communication

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# Additional Information

## English Department Website

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