Bachelor of Arts

English with a Major in Journalism (BA)

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Requirements

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written) 6
Oral Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#oral) 3
Mathematics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#math) 3
Language and Culture (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#language) 0-6
Information Literacy and Research (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#information) 3
Human Behavior (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior) 3
Human Creativity (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity) 3
Interpreting the Past (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret) 3
Literature (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature) 3
Philosophy and Ethics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy) 3
The Nature of Science (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#nature) 8
Impact of Technology (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact) 3

Written Communication: Grade of C or better required in both courses and in ENGL 110C before declaring major.

Language and Culture: BA students must have competence through the 202 level; competence is not met by completion of the associate degree.

Impact of Technology: met in the major with ENGL 307T.

Upper-Division General Education

• Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major
• Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor, 12 hours specified by the department, 3 of which may be in the major area of study
• Option C. An approved certification program such as teaching licensure
• Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from the Social Science Component within the College of Arts and Letters that are not required by the major (6 hours).

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:

• Minimum of 120 credit hours.
• Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.
• Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
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Grade of C or better required

**Journalism Major**

**General Education**
Complete lower-division requirements 38-44
Complete upper-division requirements (minimum of 6 credits) 6
Complete foreign language coursework through the 202 level 0-6

**English Core**
Complete English core requirements 21

**Journalism**
ENGL 380 Reporting and News Writing I 3
ENGL 486 Media Law and Ethics 3
Select four of the following: 12
  - ENGL 335 Editing and Document Design
  - ENGL 368 English Internship
  - ENGL 381 Public Relations
  - ENGL 382 Reporting News for Television and Digital Media
  - ENGL 383 Digital Journalism
  - ENGL 384 Business and Science Journalism
  - ENGL 385 The Press and Making of American Democracy
  - ENGL 387 TV News Production
  - ENGL 454 Creative Nonfiction
  - ENGL 482 Sports Journalism
  - ENGL 483W Reporting and News Writing II
  - ENGL 484 Feature Story Writing
  - ENGL 485W Editorial and Persuasive Writing

**Total Credit Hours** 83-95

**Elective Credit**
Elective credit will be needed to meet the minimum requirement of 120 credit hours.

**Additional Requirements and Information**

**Advising**
To declare an English major or minor, students must see the English chief departmental advisor (CDA). The CDA will assign each major to a faculty advisor. Students in the Secondary Education Endorsement Program will also have an advisor in the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies. All English majors are required to have a conference with their advisors before each semester (preferably during preregistration). The CDA will hold periodic group meetings with English majors to keep them fully informed.

**Research Practicum**
Students who wish to combine research and real-world experience can take ENGL 369 Research Practicum.

**Degree Program Guide**
The Degree Program Guide is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.

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Admission Requirements

Interested students who meet the admission requirements should apply to the graduate program director as soon as possible after completing the required 60 undergraduate hours. In consultation with the graduate program director, students will:

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3. Apply to the Office of Graduate Admissions for admission to the MA in applied linguistics program during their senior year.

Students will be admitted to the linked program for the semester after they make their application. Once students have been awarded their B.A. degrees and have fulfilled all regular admission requirements for the MA in applied linguistics, they will be officially admitted into the MA program.

Program Requirements

Students in the program will fulfill all normal admission and curricular requirements for both a BA in English with an applied language studies concentration and an MA in applied linguistics, with the following exceptions:

1. Students in the program may count up to 12 hours of graduate courses taken as an undergraduate for which they have earned a grade of B (3.0) or better toward both the BA in English and MA in applied linguistics degrees.
2. Students in the program may substitute English linguistics graduate courses for undergraduate courses according to the following schema. All students must complete an undergraduate writing intensive course in the major.
   a. Any 500-level linguistics course that is cross listed with a 400-level course may be substituted for the 400-level course.
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Linked Bachelor of Arts in English/Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics

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BA or BS to MBA (Master of Business Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MBA or BS/MBA program is an early entry to the MBA program of study. The early-entry program is designed for well qualified non-business undergraduate ODU students to start their MBA program prior to completing their undergraduate degree. Well qualified non-business undergraduate students may take MBA-level courses as early as three semesters prior to graduation and count up to 12 graduate credits toward their undergraduate degree. Students participating in the early-entry program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Early-entry program students should carefully consider their undergraduate degree program requirements when planning their course of study. Students in the program will work in close consultation with the MBA Program Office and should refer to information in the College of Business section in the graduate catalog to develop an individualized plan of study based on the required coursework.

BA or BS to MPA (Master of Public Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MPA or BS/MPA program provides qualified Old Dominion University undergraduate students with the opportunity to earn a master's degree in public administration while taking credits in the MPA program as
an undergraduate student. The program is designed for highly motivated students with the desire to immediately continue their education after the bachelor's degree. The program is especially relevant to individuals seeking to work (or currently working) in the public or non-profit sectors, but is suitable for students from any undergraduate major. Graduate courses may be taken during the fall and spring semester of the student's senior undergraduate year. Up to 12 graduate credits can count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree and can meet upper-level General Education requirements. After receiving the undergraduate degree, a student will continue with the MPA program, taking MPA courses until completing the required 39 credit hours. Students in the linked program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree).

Requirements for admission to the graduate program can be found in the School of Public Service section of the Graduate Catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/business/public-service/). For additional information, please contact the School of Public Service in the Strome College of Business.