Bachelor of Arts
English with a Major in Literature (BA)

Heather Weddington, Chief Departmental Advisor

Requirements

Lower-Division General Education

- 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.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.
- Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
- Completion of Senior Assessment.

English Core

ENGL 307T Digital Writing 3

Theory & Analytics:

Select two of the following: 6

- ENGL 325 Introduction to Rhetorical Studies
- ENGL 333 Introduction to Critical Theory
- ENGL 370 English Linguistics

Writing:

Select one of the following: 3

- ENGL 300W Introduction to Creative Writing
- ENGL 327W Advanced Composition
- ENGL 334W Technical Writing
- ENGL 427W Writing in the Disciplines

Required Literature and Cultural Studies Electives

Select two of the following: 6

- ENGL 301 Introduction to British Literature I
- ENGL 302 Introduction to British Literature II
- ENGL 303 Shakespeare’s Histories and Comedies
- ENGL 304 Shakespeare’s Tragedies and Poetry
- ENGL 336 The Short Story
- ENGL 340 American Drama
- ENGL 342 Southern Literature
- ENGL 345 American Literature to 1860
- ENGL 346 American Literature Since 1860
- ENGL 360 World Literature I
- ENGL 363 World Literature II
- ENGL 407 Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales
- ENGL 416 English Renaissance Drama
- ENGL 418W Jewish Writers
- ENGL 419 The Harlem Renaissance
- ENGL 421 British Literature 1660-1800
- ENGL 423 The Romantic Movement in Britain
- ENGL 432 Origins and Early Development of the British Novel to 1800
- ENGL 433 Victorian Literature
- ENGL 438 The Twentieth-Century British Novel
- ENGL 441 American Travel Literature
- ENGL 447 The American Novel to 1920
- ENGL 448 The American Novel 1920 to Present
- ENGL 459W New Literatures in English
- ENGL 461 American Poetry of the Early Twentieth Century
- ENGL 463W Women Writers
- ENGL 464W Native American Literature
- ENGL 465W African American Literature
- ENGL 466W Asian American Literature
- ENGL 492 Modern World Drama
- ENGL 493 Contemporary World Literature

Open English Elective

Select one additional English 300- or 400-level course 3

Total Credit Hours 21
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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Notes:
1. Literature major students must take ENGL 333 in the Theory & Analytics portion of the core.
2. Literature major students must take one British literature class from ENGL 301 or ENGL 302 and one American literature course from ENGL 340, ENGL 342, ENGL 345, or ENGL 346 to fulfill the Literature and Cultural Studies elective for the major.
3. Literature major students must take a Shakespeare course, ENGL 303 or ENGL 304, as one of their electives for the major.

Elective Credit
Elective credit will be needed to meet the minimum requirement of 120 credit hours.
Elective
Credit Hours 3

Junior
Fall
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Upper-Division General Education Course or Minor 3

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Upper-Division General Education Course or Minor 3

Credit Hours 15

Senior
Fall
ENGL-300/400-level elective 3

Major course 3

Minor or Elective 3

Elective 3

Elective 3

Credit Hours 15

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Literature and Cultural Studies Course 3

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Upper-Division General Education Course or Minor 3

Credit Hours 15

Total Credit Hours 120

**Linked Bachelor of Arts in English/Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics**

The linked BA in English, applied language studies, and MA in applied linguistics makes it possible for exceptional students to count up to 12 hours of graduate courses toward both an undergraduate and graduate degree. Students must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 for the undergraduate degree and 30 for the graduate degree).

**Admission Requirements**

To be admitted to the program, students must have completed at least 60 undergraduate hours, including at least nine hours in English applied language studies courses at the 300 level or above. At the time of admission, they must have an overall GPA of 3.00 or better, and a GPA of 3.30 or better in all English applied language studies courses.

**Admission Procedures**

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.

1. Officially declare themselves an undergraduate English major with an emphasis in applied language studies to the English Department's undergraduate chief departmental advisor.

2. Draft a schedule of graduate courses to be taken as an undergraduate, which will be placed in the student's undergraduate and graduate advising files.

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.

   b. Students may substitute 600-level courses for undergraduate courses according to the following list:

      | Course       | Title                                         | Hours |
      |--------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
      | ENGL 672     | Language Structure Analysis                   | 3     |
      | ENGL 350     | Aspects of the English Language               | 3     |
      | ENGL 677     | Language and Communication Across Cultures    | 3     |
      | ENGL 371W    | Language and Culture                          | 3     |
      | ENGL 695     | Topics                                        | 1-3   |
      | ENGL 495     | Topics in English                             | 1-3   |

   c. Students in the program may make a written petition for other substitutions to the graduate program director (GPD) for electives in fields such as Asian studies, education, or professional writing. The GPD will consider substitutions in consultation with the chief departmental advisor and the instructor(s) of the courses involved.
Students should consult the Graduate Catalog for requirements for the MA in Applied Linguistics.

**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 early-entry program work in close consultation with the MBA Program Office and should refer to information in the Strome 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. For additional information, please contact the School of Public Service in the Strome College of Business.