

English (B.A.)

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The English major is designed to help students become critical thinkers, perceptive readers and skilled writers. Through study of great works of Western and world literatures, English majors develop a deep understanding of humankind's artistic heritage, which reflects and shapes humankind's historical, intellectual, psychological and spiritual dimensions. English majors are prepared for a wide variety of careers — including teaching (with appropriate certification), librarianship, academic administration, business, writing, editing, advertising, public relations and civil service — and graduate and professional schools.

Course Title Credit Hours

ART 200 Art Appreciation

or

MULT 275 Music Appreciation 3

or

TH 351 History of Theatre I

ENG 201 Advanced Essay 3

ENG 209 Research Writing 3

ENG 213 Literature in Critical Perspectives 3

ENG 235 Ancient World Literature 3

ENG 499 Senior Comprehensive Study 3

Foreign Language (completion of intermediate college-level language required) 6

English electives from the 300-level, including at least one course each in fiction, drama and poetry. 15

Total 39

See the undergraduate catalog for the recommended schedule for courses.

Secondary Teacher Education Professional Studies Certificate (6-12 and K-12)

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This program contains the professional studies required by the Virginia Department of Licensure Regulations for secondary education teachers and K-12 endorsements.

Students may elect to add this program as a minor to their current or completed major in a liberal arts field so they could apply for a Virginia Teacher's license in that field.

Course Title Credit Hours

PSY 220 Child Development 3

EDU 221 Child Development Lab 1

EDU 301 Orientation to Teaching 3

EDU 343 Methods and Assessment in Middle/Secondary Schools 3

EDU 344 Methods and Management in Middle/Secondary Schools 3

RDG 425 Reading and Writing in the Content Area (6-12) 3

Pass PRAXIS II requirement before student teaching

EDU 441 Student Teaching in the Middle/Secondary Schools 9

Total 25*

**Teacher endorsement area requirements may be satisfied through transcript analysis by the Education Department faculty. The outcome of this analysis may be possible recommendations for supplementary coursework in order for students to achieve compliance with Virginia Department of Education regulations.*

English majors seeking licensure are additionally required to take the following courses:

MCOM 150 Principles of Public Speaking 3

ENG 210 Modern Grammar 3

Total 6