

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MINOR

This minor may only be completed by students admitted to the Elementary Education (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/curriculum-instruction/elementary-education-bse/>) or the Elementary Education and Special Education (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/rehabilitation-psychology-special-education/elementary-education-special-education-bse/>) programs. A minor is not required to complete either program.

Minors provide a depth of study in a particular area of interest and also inform classroom instruction. The completion of a minor is required to teach middle school in some states and may benefit students particularly interested in teaching at this level.

Students may wish to consult with an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office, 139 Education Building, to discuss course selection and other issues related to this field of study. Current students can schedule a Student Services appointment online through the Starfish app (<https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>) in MyUW. Appointments can also be made through email at studentservices@education.wisc.edu, (soeacademicservices@education.wisc.edu) by calling 608-262-1651, or in person.

Upon completion, the subject area of the minor will be posted on the UW-Madison transcript. Students will not receive an additional certification or license in the subject area. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction does not offer content licenses in association with the Elementary Education or Special Education teaching licenses.

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This minor may only be declared by students completing the Elementary Education or the Elementary Education and Special Education programs. To declare the minor, contact your academic advisor in Education Student Services any time after program admission.

REQUIREMENTS

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The English Language Arts minor requires the completion of 24 credits to include the requirements of each group of courses. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 is required, based on all UW-Madison coursework included in the minor.

The courses listed here will meet the requirements in each category, but additional courses can be considered.

INTRODUCTORY LITERATURE

Complete two introductory literature courses. Courses with a Literature breadth designation from many departments—e.g., Comparative Literature, Classics, African Languages and Literature, English, or Theatre—may be selected to meet this requirement.

INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE

Select one course from the following:

International Literature Courses		
Code	Title	Credits
African Cultural Studies		
AFRICAN/ FOLKLORE 210	The African Storyteller	3
AFRICAN 300	African Literature in Translation	3
AFRICAN 405	Topics in African Cultural Studies	3
AFRICAN 412	Contemporary African Fiction	3
AFRICAN/ AFROAMER 413	Contemporary African and Caribbean Drama	3-4
Folklore		
FOLKLORE 100	Introduction to Folklore	3
FOLKLORE/ AFRICAN 210	The African Storyteller	3
FOLKLORE 220	The Folk Tale	3
FOLKLORE 317	The Irish Tradition (was 517 prior to fall, 2023)	3
FOLKLORE/ MEDIEVAL/ RELIG ST/ SCAND ST 342	Nordic Mythology	3
FOLKLORE/ LITTRANS/ MEDIEVAL/ SCAND ST 345	The Nordic Storyteller	3
FOLKLORE/ LITTRANS 347	In Translation: Kalevala and Finnish Folk-Lore	3-4
FOLKLORE/ GEN&WS 428	Gender and Expressive Culture	3
FOLKLORE/ SLAVIC 444	Slavic and East European Folklore	3
FOLKLORE 460	Folk Epics	3
Any Literature in Translation course with the "L" breadth code		

AMERICAN SOCIAL LITERATURE

This requirement addresses cultural diversity from the perspective of race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, or ability.

Select one course from the following:

American Social Literature Courses		
Code	Title	Credits
African American Studies		
AFROAMER 155	They: Race in American Literature	3
AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 222	Introduction to Black Women Writers	3
AFROAMER 225	Introduction to African American Dramatic Literature	3
AFROAMER 227	Masterpieces of African American Literature	3
AFROAMER 265	African-American Autobiography	3
AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 267	Artistic/Cultural Images of Black Women	3

AFROAMER 525	Major Authors	3
American Indian Studies		
AMER IND/ ENGL 172	Literatures of Native America	3
English		
ENGL 173	Ethnic and Multicultural Literature	3
ENGL/ GEN&WS 248	Women in Ethnic American Literature	3
ENGL/ ASIAN AM 270	A Survey of Asian American Literature	3
ENGL 461	Topics in Ethnic and Multicultural Literature	3
ENGL/ASIAN AM/ GEN&WS 464	Asian American Women Writers	3
ENGL/ AFROAMER 672	Selected Topics in Afro-American Literature	3

MASS COMMUNICATION

Select one course from the following:

Mass Communication Courses		
Code	Title	Credits
African American Studies		
AFROAMER 303	Blacks, Film, and Society	3
American Indian Studies		
AMER IND 325	American Indians in Film	3
Asian American Studies		
ASIAN AM/ JOURN 662	Mass Media and Minorities	4
Chican@ and Latin@ Studies		
CHICLA/ COM ARTS 419	Latino/as and Media	3
Communication Arts		
COM ARTS 250	Survey of Contemporary Media	3
COM ARTS 350	Introduction to Film	3
COM ARTS 351	Television Industries	3
COM ARTS 355	Introduction to Media Production	4
History		
HISTORY/ JOURN 560	History of U.S. Media	4
Journalism		
JOURN 201	Introduction to Mass Communication	4
JOURN 561	Mass Communication and Society	4
JOURN 565	Effects of Mass Communication	4
JOURN/COM ARTS/ HDFS 616	Mass Media and Youth	3
Life Sciences Communication		
LSC 440	Digital Media and Science Communication	3

SPEECH COMMUNICATION

Select one course from the following:

Speech Communication Courses		
Code	Title	Credits
Communication Arts		
COM ARTS 260	Communication and Human Behavior	3
COM ARTS 262	Argumentation and Debate	3
COM ARTS 266	Theory and Practice of Group Discussion	3
COM ARTS 272	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
COM ARTS 360	Introduction to Rhetoric in Politics and Culture	3
COM ARTS 368	Persuasion and Social Influence	3
COM ARTS 371	Communication and Conflict Resolution	3
Theatre		
THEATRE 150	Acting I: Introduction to Acting	3
THEATRE 250	Fundamentals of Acting	3

ENGLISH COMPOSITION

Select one course from the following:

English Composition Courses		
Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 201	Intermediate Composition	3
ENGL 207	Introduction to Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry Workshop	3
ENGL 307	Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry Workshop	3
ENGL 400	Advanced Composition	3
ENGL 407	Creative Writing: Nonfiction Workshop	3
ENGL 408	Creative Writing: Fiction Workshop	3
ENGL 409	Creative Writing: Poetry Workshop	3
ENGL 410	Creative Writing: Playwriting Workshop	3
ENGL 508	Creative Writing: Advanced Fiction Workshop	3

ELECTIVES

Select any course from the areas above (excluding introductory literature) or from the following options to reach the minimum of 24 credits:

Elective Courses		
Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 314	Structure of English	3
ENGL 316	English Language Variation in the U.S.	3
ENGL 416	English in Society	3
ENGL 417	History of the English Language	3
FOLKLORE/ ANTHRO/INTL ST/ LINGUIS 211	Global Language Issues	3
LINGUIS 101	Human Language	3
LINGUIS 303	Historical Linguistics	3

LINGUIS/ ANTHRO 430	Language and Culture	3-4
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