Department of English

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The Department of English offers one writing course, ENGL 300, to all graduate students in the University who did not meet the ELPR.

ENGL 300 Writing in the Disciplines 3.0; 0 cr.
A course that prepares students for graduate-level academic writing, and covers such topics as academic writing in different disciplines, the writing process, argumentation, and working with sources. Prerequisite: 500-549 on the EEE or 573-599 on the TOEFL (230-249 on the CBT or 88-96 on the IBT). Each semester.

The Department of English offers two graduate degree programs: the MA in English literature and the MA in English language.

Mission Statement

The Department of English at AUB offers two graduate degree programs: MA in English Language and MA in English Literature. These graduate programs aim to ground students in language and literature studies. They provide students with opportunities to pursue advanced study in multiple linguistic, literary, and cultural traditions through engagement with texts in English, in translation, between languages, and across media. The programs provide a solid academic basis for those who wish to continue for a PhD in language or literature studies, as well as for those who wish to pursue a career in writing, publishing, editing, teaching, and related areas. Through an ongoing process of critical self-reflection, students will attain experience and abilities in linguistic and textual analysis, critical thought, writing, and aesthetic appreciation that will contribute to their personal, academic, and professional lives.

The requirements for an MA degree in English consist of 21 credit hours in courses numbered 300 or above, successful completion of a comprehensive examination, and a thesis along with any additional prerequisite courses determined by the department to make up for deficiencies in undergraduate preparation. General requirements for graduate study are found in the Admissions section of this catalogue, and on the department website.
MA in English Language

Students working for an MA degree in English Language must take English 301, 327, 341 or 342, and 345. Two additional elective English Language graduate courses from among those offered in the department must be taken. **Students must take a further graduate course, which may be from outside the English language course offerings, subject to departmental approval.** Students working for the degree of MA in the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) should refer to the Department of Education catalogue section.

MA in English Literature

Students working for an MA degree in English Literature must complete ENGL 301, and four other graduate courses in English Literature. The two remaining courses may be taken outside the Department of English, and are subject to Departmental approval.

**ENGL 301**  
Introduction to Bibliography and Research Methods  
3.0; 3 cr. 
An introduction to bibliography and research methodologies in the study of language or in literary studies. **Annually.**

**ENGL 302**  
British Literature before 1800  
3.0; 3 cr. 
A course whose topic varies from semester to semester. The topic is always chosen from material written before 1800. **Annually.**

**ENGL 303**  
British Literature after 1800  
3.0; 3 cr. 
A course whose topic varies from semester to semester, depending on the interests of the professor and the needs of the students. The topic is always chosen from material written after 1800. **Annually.**

**ENGL 304**  
American Literature  
3.0; 3 cr. 
A course whose topic varies from semester to semester but always focuses on some aspect of American literature. **Annually.**

**ENGL 305**  
Graduate Tutorial in Literature  
3.0; 3 cr. 
A course offered to students on an individual basis. The topic can include any aspect of British or American literature. **Annually.**

**ENGL 306**  
Selected Topics in Literature  
3.0; 3 cr. 
A course that addresses aspects of British or American literature or literary theory that are not typically addressed in other courses offered by the department. Topics may vary from semester to semester. **Annually.**

**ENGL 325**  
World and Comparative Literature  
3.0; 3 cr. 
A course whose topic varies from semester to semester. It deals with aspects of non-English and non-American literature written in English. **Annually.**
ENGL 326  Advanced Translation Theory and Practice  3.0; 3 cr.
A close examination of major translation theories, both traditional and linguistic, and an application of these theories to the practice of translation, both literary and technical, in Arabic and in English. *Annually.*

ENGL 327  Sociolinguistics  3.0; 3 cr.
A course intended to provide an in-depth analysis of the issues related to the study of the interaction between language and society. This course covers such topics as geographical and social dialects, multilingualism, language and gender, ethnography of speaking, discourse analysis, language planning, and language attitudes. *Annually.*

ENGL 329  Grammatical Studies in Old and Middle English Literature  3.0; 3 cr.
A close reading and grammatical examination of selected texts in the original. Exact content to be determined by the instructor. *Annually.*

ENGL 341  Phonology  3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of theories of phonological description including phonemics, distinctive features, and generative phonology; an application of these theories to actual linguistic data from various languages with concentration by each student on one specific problem. *Annually.*

ENGL 342  Theoretical Linguistics  3.0; 3 cr.
A study of readings in advanced grammar that have contributed to the formulation of theories of language description; e.g. transformational grammar, stratificational grammar, generative semantics, pragmatics, government, and binding. *Annually.*

ENGL 344  Graduate Tutorial in Linguistics  3.0; 3 cr.
A tutorial offered to students on an individual basis. The topics can include any aspect of the study of linguistics that both instructor and student agree on. *Annually.*

ENGL 345  Language Acquisition  3.0; 3 cr.
A survey of studies in first and second language acquisition. Emphasis is placed on stages of acquisition and the strategies used by children in acquiring their native language. Comparisons between first and second language acquisition are drawn with implication for language teaching. *Annually.*

ENGL 346  Issues in Applied Linguistics  3.0; 3 cr.
A course whose topic varies from semester to semester. The course deals with major topics and issues in language study such as multilingualism and multiculturalism, assessment and evaluation, language and education, and intercultural communication. *Annually.*

ENGL 395A/B  Comprehensive Exam  0 cr.
*Prerequisite: Consent of advisor.*

ENGL 399  MA Thesis  9 cr.