Department of English

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The Department of English offers one writing course, ENGL 300, to graduate students 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.

Graduate Program

General requirements for graduate study are found in the Admissions section of this catalogue. 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.

Students working for an MA degree in English language must take ENGL 301, 327, 341 or 342, and 345. Education 227 (Statistics in Education) must be taken as a non-credit pass/fail prerequisite. In addition, language graduates must take one of the following three graduate courses in the Department of Education: 324, 325, and 328. Two additional elective English language graduate courses from among those offered in the department must be taken.

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.

Students working for an MA degree in English Literature must complete English 301 and four other graduate courses in English Literature chosen from among those offered in the department. The two remaining courses may be taken outside the English Literature program 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 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 adviser.

ENGL 399  MA Thesis  9 cr.