ENGLISH: TOPICS IN ENGLISH, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelors of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in English, Topics in English Concentration

department website: https://www.english.illinois.edu/
department faculty: English Faculty (https://english.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/)
advising: English advising (https://www.english.illinois.edu/undergraduate/advising/)
overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/)
college website: https://las.illinois.edu/

Undergraduate Degree Programs in English

Majors:

English, BALAS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/english-balas/) with concentrations:

- English, English Concentration, BALAS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/english-balas/english/)
- English, English Teaching Concentration, BALAS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/english-balas/english-teaching/)
- English, Topics in English Concentration, BALAS (p. 1)
- Creative Writing, BALAS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/creative-writing-balas/)

for the degree of Bachelors of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Major in English, Topics in English Concentration

Minimum required major and supporting coursework equates to 39 hours of English department courses. Students must complete at least 15 hours of coursework at the 300-level or above (ENGL 301, ENGL 350, and 9 more hours) and 9 of these hours (including the capstone) must be taken in the student’s chosen field.

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/) requirements.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

For this concentration, students will complete 12 hours of coursework (4 courses) in one of three cluster areas: Literature and Science, Media Cultures, or Race, Indigeneity, Gender, and Sexuality. These 12 hours will be selected from an approved list of courses for this category maintained by the English department. Students can access these lists and a further description of each cluster on the Department of English website (https://english.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-studies/majors-minors/).

Departmental Distinction: Students interested in graduating with distinction or high distinction are encouraged to consult the departmental honors adviser. In addition, students interested in the departmental honors program should contact the English department advising office.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ENGL 200</td>
<td>Introduction to the Study of Literature and Culture (prerequisite for other English courses; can be taken at the same time as a course that satisfies the Composition I requirement)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENGL 301</td>
<td>Introduction to Critical Theory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENGL 350</td>
<td>Writing about Literature, Text, and Culture</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Cluster Courses

12

Four courses in one of the following clusters, selected from approved lists maintained by the English Department:

- Literature and Science
- Media Cultures
- Race, Indigeneity, Gender, and Sexuality

Capstone Course

ENGL 400 | Senior Capstone Seminar (guided research in the student’s chosen field) |

Elective Coursework

15

At least five courses chosen from those controlled by or cross-listed with the Department of English (Business and Technical Writing, Creative Writing, and English)

One course in Difference and Diaspora. This requirement can be fulfilled by taking an appropriately focused course from among ENGL 350: Writing about Literature, Text, and Culture; the cluster courses; or the elective coursework.¹

Total Hours

39

¹ Chosen from the list maintained in the Department of English. Note: ENGL 350 can serve as a period course, a cluster course, an elective course, and/or a Difference and Diaspora course only when it is not also being used to fulfill a core requirement. Students who wish to use ENGL 350 in this way must thus take the course a second time (and with a different topic than the first time).

² Students may count one Independent Study course (ENGL 290, ENGL 390 or BTW 290) toward the additional coursework requirement.

Information listed in this catalog is current as of 07/2021