ENGLISH: ENGLISH CONCENTRATION, BALAS

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

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**department faculty:** English Faculty (https://english.illinois.edu/directory/faculty)
**advising:** https://www.english.illinois.edu/undergraduate/advising/
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- English, BALAS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/english-balas) with concentrations:
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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 6 of these hours must come from two different period areas.

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

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

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

### Concentration Requirements

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### Historical Surveys

Students are encouraged to take these required survey courses as early as possible after completing ENGL 200

Two courses from the following options:
- ENGL 209  Early British Literature and Culture
- ENGL 255  Early American Literature and Culture
- ENGL 259  Early African American Literature and Culture
- Any ethnic literature survey with a significant pre-1900 focus ¹

### Period Courses (American, British, Anglophone, etc.)

6 hours: At least two courses that cover at least two of the following categories:
- Medieval Literature & Culture (before 1550)
- Shakespeare
- Early Modern Literature & Culture (1550-1660, other than Shakespeare)
- Eighteenth-Century Literature & Culture (1660-1800)

3 hours: At least one course in Nineteenth-Century Literature & Culture

3 hours: At least one course in Twentieth-Century Literature & Culture

3 hours: At least one course in Contemporary Literature & Culture

### Elective Coursework ¹²

9 hours: At least three 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 historical surveys; the period courses; or the elective coursework.

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

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