

# ENGLISH: ENGLISH CONCENTRATION, BALAS

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

## Undergraduate Degree Programs in English

### Majors:

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

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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

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
ENGL 200	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)	9
ENGL 301	Introduction to Critical Theory	
ENGL 350	Writing about Literature, Text, and Culture	

## Historical Surveys 6

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 <sup>1</sup>

## Period Courses (American, British, Anglophone, etc.) 15

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 <sup>1,2</sup> 9

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

<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> Student may count one Independent Study course (ENGL 290, ENGL 390 or BTW 290) toward the additional coursework requirement.

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## Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education

Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

**First Year**

First Semester	Hours Second Semester	Hours
Free elective course	1 Free elective course	3
ENGL 200	3 Historical Survey	3
Language Other than English (3rd level)	4 Language Other than English (4th level)	4
Composition I or General Education course	4 General Education course or Composition I	3
Free elective course	3 General Education course	3
	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

**Second Year**

First Semester	Hours Second Semester	Hours
Historical Survey	3 Period course	3
Period Course	3 ENGL 301	3
General Education course	3 General Education course	3
General Education course	3 General Education course	3
Free elective course	3 Free elective course	2
	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>

**Third Year**

First Semester	Hours Second Semester	Hours
ENGL 350	3 Period Course	3
Period Course	3 Difference & Diaspora course	3
General Education course	3 Departmental Elective coursework	3
General Education course	3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course	3 Free elective course	3
	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year**

First Semester	Hours Second Semester	Hours
Period course	3 Departmental Elective coursework	3
Departmental Elective coursework	3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course	3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course	3 Free elective course	3

Free elective course	3 Free elective course	3
	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Total Hours 120**

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English advising (<https://www.english.illinois.edu/undergraduate/advising/>)

**College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (<https://las.illinois.edu>)**

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