



# English Language BA Program

The English Language major focuses on the detailed linguistic study of the English language as it occurs in actual use across communities and throughout history. Graduates of the English Language major should be able to analyze the structure and use of the English language, which includes analyzing sounds, grammar, vocabulary, historical change, social and regional variation, register, standardization, and other social aspects. From the major, students will gain detailed knowledge of the English language and language-based analytical skills.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The major will provide a valuable set of information as well as the development of underlying language-based analytical skills for students preparing to enter professions such as law, business, and medicine; for students preparing to be editors; for English and English as a Second Language teachers; and for those preparing to be linguists, philologists, and translators (where English is one of the languages involved).

The following Linguistics faculty members serve as academic advisors for English Language students. Consult the chart below to determine which faculty member is your advisor.

| Last name | Advisor        | Office location | Office phone # | E-mail address         |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (39-51 hours--51 hours if all 12 language credits are taken)

### 1. Prerequisite Courses *Complete Both Courses*

- Ling 198      Academic Preparation for Linguistics and English Language Majors
- ELang 223    Introduction to the English Language (3 cr.)  
(note: Ling 201 may be substituted for this course)

### 2. Core Courses (*each is worth 3 credits*)

- ELang 273    Empirical Methods in English Linguistics
- ELang 322    Modern American Usage
- ELang 324\*   History of the English Language
- ELang 325    The Grammar of English
- ELang 326    English Semantics and Pragmatics
- ELang 327    English Phonetics and Phonology
- ELang 495R\*\* The Senior Course

### 3. Complete one from the following:

- ELang 362    Discourse Analysis (3 cr.)
- ELang 468\*   Intro to Varieties of English (3 cr.)
- Ling 452     Intro to Sociolinguistics (3 cr.)
- Ling 485     Corpus Linguistics (3 cr.)

### 4. Complete one of the following period courses:

- ELang 525    Old English 1 (3 cr.)
- ELang 526    Middle English (3 cr.)
- ELang 447\*   Early Modern English (3 cr.)
- ELang 448    Late Modern English (3 cr.)

\*Also available on the English Language in Great Britain Study Abroad program.

\*\*For Elang major, this also fills Social Science GE requirement.

**5. Complete three courses from the following (each is worth three credits):**

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| DigHT 230  | Introduction to Print Publishing       | ELang 525 | Old English 1                               |
| DigHT 250  | Web Publishing                         | ELang 526 | Middle English                              |
| DigHT 260  | Tools for Text Processing and Analysis | ELang 529 | Structure of Modern English                 |
| DigHT 315  | Research in Digital Humanities         | ELang 535 | Language and Literature                     |
| ELang 362  | Discourse Analysis                     | ELang 548 | Old English 2                               |
| ELang 421R | Studies in Language or Editing         | Ling 360  | Programming for Text Processing & Analysis  |
| ELang 447* | Early Modern English                   | Ling 361  | Speech Processing                           |
| ELang 448  | Late Modern English                    | Ling 445  | Intro to Psycholinguistics                  |
| ELang 468* | Intro to Varieties of English          | Ling 450  | Intro to Historical-Comparative Linguistics |
| ELang 521R | Studies in Language                    | Ling 452  | Intro to Sociolinguistics                   |
| ELang 522  | Language Policy and Planning           | Ling 480  | Problems in Translation                     |
| ELang 524  | History of the Book                    | Ling 485  | Corpus Linguistics                          |
|            |  | Ling 551  | Anthropological Linguistics                 |

*(Note: only one digital humanities and technology (DigHT) course may be used to fill this requirement)*

*(Note: The courses chosen to satisfy requirements three and four cannot count for requirement five.)*

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**6. Language Expertise (12 hours or equivalent language proficiency)**

Complete university course work (or the equivalent) to a 200-level or higher in any single foreign language, including American Sign Language. The language for this requirement may be the same language used to satisfy the GE Foreign Language option, but note that the GE Foreign Language option may require more coursework than this requirement from the English Language major. For non-native speakers of English, the university TOEFL requirement satisfies this requirement for the English Language major. A language relevant to the historical development of English is strongly recommended, namely Latin, French, German, or Classical Greek.

**SUGGESTED AREAS OF EMPHASIS**

Students may choose to follow one of the following suggested areas of emphasis.

| <i>Area of Emphasis</i>   | <i>Recommended Courses</i>   |
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| <b>Historical English Linguistics</b> (specific preparation for graduate studies in Historical English Linguistics, Philology)                                    | ELang 447: Early Modern English<br>ELang 448: Late Modern English<br>ELang 524: History of the Book<br>ELang 525: Old English<br>ELang 526: Middle English                           |
| <b>Pre-professional Studies</b> (specific preparation for professional studies such as law, business, and medicine)   | ELang 447: Early Modern English<br>ELang 448: Late Modern English<br>ELang 524: History of the Book<br>ELang 529: Structure of Modern English<br>Ling 452: Intro to Sociolinguistics |
| <b>TESOL</b> (in conjunction with a TESOL minor)  | ELang 468: Varieties of English<br>ELang 529: Structure of Modern English<br>Ling 452: Intro to Sociolinguistics   |
| <b>English Language Studies</b> (specific preparation for continued studies requiring advanced English language knowledge, including TESOL, Linguistics, English) | English language period requirement<br>ELang 468: Varieties of English<br>ELang 529: Structure of Modern English<br>Ling 452: Intro to Sociolinguistics                              |
| <b>Textual Analysis</b> (specific preparation for studies in editing and textual criticism)   | English language period requirement<br>ELang 524: History of the Book<br>ELang 468: Varieties of English<br>ELang 485: Corpus Linguistics<br>ELang 529: Structure of Modern English  |