## ENGLISH, BA

### Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2020-2021. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 ([http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation](http://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation)).

**Minimum Overall Grade Point Average:** 2.00  
**Total Hours:** 120

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<td><strong>English Composition</strong></td>
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<td><strong>American History &amp; Government</strong></td>
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<td>HIST 1103 or HIST 1483 or HIST 1493</td>
<td>Survey of American History or American History to 1865 (H) or American History Since 1865 (DH)</td>
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**College/Departmental Requirements**

**First Year Seminar**

(Transfer students with 15 hours exempt)  

**Arts & Humanities**

ENGL 2543 or ENGL 2773  

Select 3 additional non-English hours  

**Natural & Mathematical Sciences**

See note 2.b.

**Foreign Language**

See note 3

**Non-Western Studies**

Select at least one course

See note 2.d.

**Upper-Division General Education**

Select 6 hours outside major department  

See note 2.c.

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### Major Requirements

Select 6 hours of the following:

- ENGL 2653 Survey of British Literature II (H)
- ENGL 2883 Survey of American Literature II (DH)
- ENGL 2963 Survey of Nonwestern Traditions (HI)

**33 hours ENGL (30 hours must be upper-division):**

Minimum of 12 hours at 4000-level

ENGL 3243 Literary Theory and Criticism  

ENGL 3343 Reading Poetry

3 hours Genre Studies:

- ENGL 3333 Short Story (H)
- or ENGL 3363 Readings in Drama (H)
- or ENGL 3373 Readings in Nonfiction
- or ENGL 3383 Readings in Narrative
- or ENGL 3410 Popular Fiction

3 hours Cultural Studies:

- ENGL 3153 Readings in Literature by Women (DH)
- or ENGL 3170 Readings in Literature and Other Disciplines
- or ENGL 3183 Native American Literature (DH)
- or ENGL 3190 Readings in Postcolonial and Multiethnic Literature
- or ENGL 3193 African-American Literature (DH)
- or ENGL 3813 Readings in the American Experience (DH)
- or ENGL 3473 Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in American Film (D)
- or ENGL 3503 Television and American Society (DH)
- or ENGL 4450 Culture and the Moving Image

3 hours Literature before 1800:

- ENGL 4100 Studies in Medieval British Literature
- or ENGL 4110 Studies in 16th Century British Literature
- or ENGL 4120 Studies in 17th Century British Literature
- or ENGL 4130 Studies in 18th Century British Literature
- or ENGL 4200 Studies in Early American Literature
- or ENGL 4223 Introduction to Old English
- or ENGL 4600 Studies in Chaucer or Milton
- or ENGL 4700 Single Author or Work Pre-1800
- or ENGL 4723 Studies in Shakespeare (H)

3 hours Literature after 1800:

**ENGL 4160 Studies in 19th Century British Literature**

**or ENGL 4170 Studies in 20th Century British Literature**

**or ENGL 4210 Studies in 19th Century American Literature**

**or ENGL 4220 Studies in 20th Century American Literature**

**or ENGL 4300 Studies in Romanticism**

**or ENGL 4310 Studies in Modernism**

3 hours Writing:
ENGL 3203  Advanced Composition 3
or ENGL 3223  Professional Writing Theory 3
or ENGL 4530  Studies in Professional Writing 3
or ENGL 4543  Style and Editing 3
or ENGL 4553  Visual Rhetoric and Design 3
or ENGL 4563  Scientific & Tech Lit 3
or ENGL 3030  Fiction Writing 3
or ENGL 3040  Poetry Writing 3
or ENGL 3060  Creative Nonfiction Writing 3

ENGL 3200  Special Problems in Language and Literature 3
or ENGL 4003  History of the English Language 3
or ENGL 4013  English Grammar 3
or ENGL 4043  Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages 3
or ENGL 4063  Introduction to Descriptive Linguistics 3
or ENGL 4073  Introduction to Sociolinguistics 3
or ENGL 4080  Studies in Linguistics 3
or ENGL 4083  Applied Linguistics 3
or ENGL 4093  Language in America 3

English electives:
Select 9 hours of additional ENGL electives (6 hours must be upper-division) 9
Select 15 hours of non-ENGL upper-division courses 15

Hours Subtotal 54
Electives
Select 4 hours 4

May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside major department (see note 2.c.)

Hours Subtotal 4
Total Hours 120

Other Requirements
- See the College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- Minimum GPA 3.00 in all ENGL courses and a minimum grade of “C” in each ENGL course (excluding English Composition and free electives).
- Upper-Division Credit: Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.
- Hours in One Department: For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be applied to degree requirements.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements
1. General Education Requirements
   No more than two courses (or eight hours) from the major department (http://catalog.okstate.edu/shared/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/) may be used to meet General Education and College and Departmental Requirements. The General Education requirement English Composition, required U.S. History, required American Government, one required MATH or STAT course, and required foreign language for B.A. degrees do not count against the two-course maximum.
2. A&S College/Departmental Requirements
   a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL (except ENGL 3323 Technical Writing) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (A), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (A) and PHIL 4003 Mathematical Logic and Computability), REL, TH, and foreign languages.
   b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOG, MATH, MICR, PBIO, PHYS, and STAT; or courses from other departments that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.
   c. The required six hours of upper-division General Education may not include courses from the student’s major department. This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student’s degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
   d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A.; One 3-hour course in Non-Western Studies (N.W.). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student’s degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
   e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses applied to the degree.
3. Foreign Language Proficiency
   a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.
   b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second-year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.
   c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
4. **Exclusions**
   a. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54-hour maximum allowed from one department.
   b. Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.

5. **Teacher Certification**
   Students can satisfy the requirements for secondary schools teaching certification while earning a B.A. or B.S. in the College of Arts & Sciences. Those interested should see their Arts and Sciences advisor and the OSU Professional Education Unit in room 325 Willard.

**Additional State/OSU Requirements**

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2026.