



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

***English Major
with Secondary English Language Arts Teaching Certification***

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To become a secondary English Language Arts teacher (grades 9-12), a student must earn his or her Bachelor of Arts degree in English (minimum requirement: 13 courses / 39 hours) as well as a speech communication education minor (7 courses / 21 hours). Students must also complete a series of six to eight professional education courses (28-34 hours) and a semester of full-time student teaching (12 hours). This major, minor, and education coursework is in addition to the SIUE general education program (44 hours, including 8 hours of foreign language). In the English Department, Dr. Anderson advises students in the English Education program; in that role, she assists students as they select and register for classes. In addition, Dr. Anderson monitors student progress through the student teacher screening process and during the student teaching experience. In the School of Education (SOE), Pamela Feters and the other advisors in the Office of Clinical Experiences, Certification, and Advisement (OCECA) help students register for their required education courses. Students should consult with OCECA for answers to specific questions about Illinois certification requirements and student teaching. Use our English Education website to supplement this document and to remain up-to-date: <http://www.siue.edu/ENGLISH/EDUC/>.

If you would like to pursue your English major with secondary English Language Arts certification, here are some helpful points to keep in mind:

- (1.) Use the ***Secondary English Education Program Requirements*** worksheet to track your progress. See our English Education website for a copy of the worksheet.
- (2.) Take ***CI 200: Introduction to Education*** as soon as you become interested in pursuing a degree in secondary English education.
- (3.) Take the ***Illinois Basic Skills Test*** as early as possible. See the Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) website: <http://www.icts.nesinc.com/>. You will eventually be required to pass two additional tests for certification: the English Language Arts content test and the Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT).

- (4.) You must pass CI 200 and the Illinois Basic Skills Test before you can register for professional education courses in SIUE's School of Education. As soon as you have passed those two requirements, you should meet with Pam Feters in OCECA for SOE advisement.
- (5.) To apply for student teaching with OCECA, you must first pass successfully through the **English student teacher screening process**. A year before beginning the student teaching semester (CI 315b and CI 352f) and a semester before registering for the pre-student teaching observation course (CI 315a), you must submit a writing portfolio to SIUE's English education committee and participate in a formal screening interview with the committee. See our website for more information about student teacher screening.
- (6.) You must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA in your English major and in your speech minor to enter into the screening process and to complete our program. In addition, you must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA at SIUE.

Additional Sources of Information

SIUE Registrar's Office: <http://www.siu.edu/registrar/>

The Service Center: http://www.siu.edu/registrar/about/service_center.shtml

Class Schedules: <http://www.siu.edu/registrar/schedules/index.shtml>

Cougarnet: https://ssb.siu.edu/pls/BANPROD/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepage

SIUE Undergraduate Catalog: http://www.siu.edu/registrar/catalog_index.shtml

General Education Information & Audit Form: <http://www.siu.edu/registrar/genedguides.shtml>

NOTE ABOUT GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Read the section on general education in the *SIUE Undergraduate Catalog* and then select which general education courses you want to take to complete your general education requirements. You must take 8 credits of foreign language (101/102) for your Bachelor of Arts degree, so follow the OPTION B general education course requirements (17 credits of SKILLS COURSES, including written expression and foreign language study—for example, ENG 101, ENG 102, SPAN 101, SPAN 102, and STAT 107).

NOTE ABOUT REGISTRATION

Every semester you must meet with Dr. Anderson to check your progress and to pick up your semester alternate enrollment PIN (each semester this variable PIN allows you to access the add/drop system once you are already inside Cougarnet). Dr. Anderson usually schedules advising appointments at the middle of the semester (weeks seven, eight, and nine). See her office door for appointment sheets and for her regular office hours (Peck 2230).

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