



Department of English Language and Literature  
College of Arts and Sciences

***Post-Baccalaureate Teaching Certification, Secondary English Language Arts***

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Post-baccalaureate students interested in earning secondary teaching certification in English Language Arts through SIUE's undergraduate, post-BA/BS program must complete the same major, minor, and professional education requirements as students enrolled in SIUE's undergraduate Secondary English Education program in the English Department. Post-baccalaureate students enroll at SIUE as undergraduates and retain undergraduate status throughout their experience (senior w/degree [SD]).

To earn post-BA/BS secondary English Language Arts certification at SIUE, a student must:

- (1.) complete the English major or any additional, required English coursework not covered in his/her original undergraduate English major;
- (2.) complete SIUE's speech communication education minor;
- (3.) pass through the student teacher screening process (portfolio and interview);
- (4.) complete a series of professional education courses to meet the School of Education's secondary certification requirements, including a semester of full-time student teaching.

A student must also have a 3.0 cumulative GPA in the English major and a 3.0 in the speech minor to enter into the student teacher screening process and to complete our program (3.0/4.0 = "B" average). In addition, a student must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA for all of his/her undergraduate coursework. Because post-BA/BS students must fulfill all of the requirements for the BS program in English with additional coursework in both speech and education—including a full-time semester of student teaching—the post-BA/BS program takes at minimum three to four full-time semesters to complete (for example, Fall 2009 – Spring 2010 – Summer 2010 – Fall 2010). Dr. Anderson advises students in the post-baccalaureate program, and she can help individuals understand their timing upon review of their previous college transcripts.

***Program Requirements Worksheet:*** See the secondary English education program requirements worksheet for the English Department's specific course of study.

***Student Teacher Screening and Writing Portfolio:*** One year before the student teaching semester, student teaching candidates must successfully pass through the student teacher screening process. During the first week of the semester in which the candidate intends to screen, an applicant for student teaching must submit his or her screening portfolio to the chair of SIUE's English education committee. See the student teacher screening guidelines for more information.

***English Education Website:*** Screening portfolio guidelines, program Requirements worksheet, and other materials are available at our website: <http://www.siue.edu/ENGLISH/EDUC/>.

## ***Post-Baccalaureate Certification vs. MAT / MA / MSED***

It is important to differentiate between the various post-baccalaureate options that SIUE offers to those interested in secondary English education. SIUE's post-BA/BS program in the Department of English prepares its students to teach secondary English in Illinois public high schools. If a post-BA/BS candidate already has a degree in English (and a 3.0 cumulative GPA in English courses), then he or she might prefer to pursue certification through the School of Education's Master of Arts in Teaching program (MAT), which also certifies its candidates to teach secondary English in Illinois public schools.

If a post-BA/BS candidate would like to prepare to teach English composition and, to a lesser extent, literature at the community college level, then—to become qualified to apply for community college teaching positions—he or she must earn a Master of Arts degree in English (MA). The English department offers various MA programs; however, an individual should earn his or her secondary teaching certificate first if he or she wants to teach middle or high school English. SIUE also offers a Master of Science degree in English Education (MSEd). That program is designed for certified teachers who are continuing their studies in both education and English. Educators entering into the MSEd program already have teaching certification and experience. The MSEd degree does not qualify teachers for community college teaching in an English department, though it may increase career options within public school systems. Here are a few links of interest to help differentiate between these various programs.

SIUE College of Arts and Sciences, Department of English — <http://www.siu.edu/ENGLISH/>

### ***Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS)***

Major in English, Minor in Speech Communication Education,  
including secondary teaching certification (undergraduate and post-baccalaureate)  
<http://www.siu.edu/ENGLISH/EDUC/index.html>

### ***Master of Arts in English (MA)***

Teaching of Writing  
<http://www.siu.edu/ENGLISH/TOW/index.html>

Language and Literature  
[http://www.siu.edu/ENGLISH/Grad/grad\\_lit.html](http://www.siu.edu/ENGLISH/Grad/grad_lit.html)

Teaching English as a Second Language  
<http://www.siu.edu/ENGLISH/TESL/index.html>

SIUE School of Education — <http://www.siu.edu/education/index.shtml>

### ***Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)***

<http://www.siu.edu/education/ci/graduate/mat.shtml>

### ***Master of Science in English Education (MSEd)***

Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction  
<http://www.siu.edu/education/ci/graduate/se.shtml>

Dept. of English  
[http://www.siu.edu/ENGLISH/Grad/ms\\_ed.html](http://www.siu.edu/ENGLISH/Grad/ms_ed.html)