

# Undergraduate English

## Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts in English
- Bachelor of Arts in English with Professional Educator Licensure in Secondary English Language Arts

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What do Steam Punk, Shakespeare, Graphic Novels, Creative Nonfiction, Toni Morrison, Language Endangerment and Death, Whitman and Dickinson, Literary Editing, Young Adult Literature, and Rhetoric, Writing, and Citizenship have in common? All are courses offered by the Department of English Language and Literature.

English majors find their coursework in the College of Arts and Sciences to be practical and enjoyable, an appropriate mix of traditional and contemporary classes that span the breadth of English studies. At SIUE, faculty members in the Department of English Language and Literature pride themselves on being strong teachers, and our curriculum reflects changing approaches to 21st-century English studies.

## Career Opportunities

English majors possess the ultimate transferable skills - critical thinking, careful reading, and masterful writing - that allow them to be versatile, flexible employees in today's dynamic workforce. In addition, students who complete the Bachelor of Arts with secondary professional educator licensure requirements are thoroughly prepared for careers as high school teachers.

## Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the Bachelor of Arts program, students must:

- Complete all academic development courses required by the University.
- Complete any courses required to address high school deficiencies.
- Attain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete all general education and specific program requirements.
- Complete all minor requirements.
- Complete two (2) semesters of a single foreign language.
- File an Application for Graduation by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate.



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College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of English Language and Literature

## Faculty

**Seran Aktuna, PhD**  
1993, University of Pennsylvania

**Jill Anderson, PhD**  
2006, Michigan State University

**Charles Berger, PhD**  
1997, Yale University

**Maggie Black, PhD**  
2018, University of Wisconsin - Madison

**Tisha Brooks, PhD**  
2013, Tufts University

**Elizabeth Cali, PhD**  
2014, University of Texas - San Antonio

**Tiana Clark, MFA**  
2017, Vanderbilt University

**Jessica DeSpain, PhD**  
2008, University of Iowa

**Helena Gurfinkel, PhD**  
2007, Tufts University

**Joel Hardman, PhD**  
1994, University of Pennsylvania

**Brian Henderson, PhD**  
2010, University of South Carolina

**Kristine Hildebrandt, PhD**  
2003, University of California - Santa Barbara

**Heather G.S. Johnson, PhD**  
2008, Indiana University - Bloomington

**Matthew S.S. Johnson, PhD**  
2006, Indiana University - Bloomington

**Joshua Kryah, PhD**  
2006, University of Nevada - Las Vegas

**Larry LaFond, PhD**  
2001, University of South Carolina

**John Pendergast, PhD**  
1994, University of Missouri

**Anushiya Ramaswamy, PhD**  
1997, University of Nevada - Reno

**Howard Ramsby, PhD**  
2004, Pennsylvania State University

**Nancy Ruff, PhD**  
1987, Princeton University

**John Savoie, PhD**  
1998, Yale University

**Geoffrey Schmidt, MFA**  
1990, University of Alabama

**Catherine Seltzer, PhD**  
2005, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

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1991, University of Alabama

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# Sample Four-Year Curriculum

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	<b>ENG 101</b> English Composition I 3 RA 101 Reasoning and Argumentation 3 Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3 QR 101 or MATH 150 or Higher 3 ACS 101 or 103 Oral Expression 3 Total Credits 15	<b>ENG 102</b> English Composition II 3 <b>ENG</b> (Survey/BHUM) 3 Breadth Social Science (BSS) 3 Experience United States Cultures (EUSC) 3 Health Experience (EH) 3 Total Credits 15
Year 2	ENG 200 Introduction to Literary Study 3 <b>ENG</b> (Survey/BHUM) 3 <b>Foreign Language 101</b> (BICS) 4 Breadth Life Science (BLS) 3 Experience Lab (EL) 3 Total Credits 16	<b>ENG</b> (Survey/BHUM) 3 ENG 301 (Literary Theory) 3 <b>Foreign Language 102</b> (EGC) 4 Minor 3 Breadth Physical Science (BPS) 3 Total Credits 16
Year 3	ENG (Writing Approaches) 3 ENG (Major Author/BHUM) 3 Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3 Minor 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15	ENG (Language Systems) 3 ENG Elective (200 or higher) 3 Minor 3 Minor 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15
Year 4	ENG (Upper-Level Lit Elective) 3 ENG Elective (200 or higher) 3 Minor 3 Minor 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15	ENG 497a-Senior Seminar 3 Elective/Minor 3 Electives 7 Total Credits 13

**NOTES** – Of the 36 hours in English courses, at least 15 must be at the 400-level, and no more than 15 may be at the 200-level. English 499 may not count toward 400-level course requirements. Only courses in which the student receives a grade of C or better will be accepted for credit toward the English major. Students must pass a (1) year’s worth of a single foreign language. Students planning to attend graduate school in English or law school should take two (2) years of a foreign language.

\*Students who wish to pursue **Professional Educator Licensure for Secondary English Language Arts** should note that the requirements are different. Please see Dr. Jill Anderson or Dr. Heather Johnson in the Department of English as soon as possible to discuss your 4-year program of study.

**Transfer Students** To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If ‘Minor’ requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at [siue.edu/transfer](http://siue.edu/transfer).

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