

**ENGLISH: PREPARATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHING CHECKLIST**

Major Requirements for students declaring the major beginning August 28, 2013  
39 credits, 13 courses, all 300-level and above with the exception of ENGL 252

**PREREQUISITE**

English 220 Introduction to Writing about Literature is the prerequisite for the major

**A. INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY STUDIES (3 credits)**

ENGL 252 Intro to Literary Studies (Must be taken within one semester of declaring major) \_\_\_\_\_ 3

**B. REQUIRED LITERATURE COURSES (18 credits)**

ENGL 303 Western Literary Backgrounds \_\_\_\_\_ 3

ENGL 306 Literary Theory \_\_\_\_\_ 3

ENGL 304 (formerly 338) Survey of British Literature I: Early Texts to the 18th Century \_\_\_\_\_ 3

**One Course chosen from the following:** \_\_\_\_\_ 3

ENGL 307 (formerly 395) Survey of American Literature: Origins to the Civil War

ENGL 396 American Prose from Reconstruction to World War I

ENGL 397 Pre-Twentieth Century American Poetry

**One course chosen from the following:** \_\_\_\_\_ 3

ENGL 320 Multi-Ethnic American Literature

ENGL 325 Postcolonial Literature

**One course chosen from the following:** \_\_\_\_\_ 3

ENGL 352 Shakespeare Survey

ENGL 353 Shakespeare: The Earlier Plays

ENGL 354 Shakespeare: The Later Plays

**C. WRITING COURSES (6 credits)**

ENGL 301 Theory and Practice of Expository Writing \_\_\_\_\_ 3

**One course chosen from the following:** \_\_\_\_\_ 3

ENGL 285 (formerly 300) Introduction to Creative Writing

ENGL 341 Rhetorical Principles of Expository Writing

**D. REQUIRED LANGUAGE COURSE (3 credits)**

ENGL 280 (formerly 331) Structure of Modern English \_\_\_\_\_ 3

**E. ELECTIVES (9 credits)**

Students may choose three electives from among 300- or 400-level English courses (ENGL 285 can also count), with the option of one 300-level approved course from another department. (Students who maintain a 3.5 GPA in the major through at least 24 credits and a 2.8 overall GPA are eligible to take the Honors Seminar, ENGL 494.)

ENGL \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 (Course from optional dept\*)

ENGL \_\_\_\_\_ 3\*\*

\*Students have the option to take an approved 300-level course in another department to satisfy one of their elective requirements. For a complete list of approved courses, see the English Department website. To take a 300-level course in another department that is not on the list, students must obtain prior written approval from an English advisor and, in some cases, from the Department that offers the course. Students must meet all of that department's prerequisites.

\*\*It is strongly recommended that students choose at least one Modern/Contemporary literature, language, or linguistics elective.

**RECOMMENDED COURSE OF STUDY:** In addition to taking ENGL 252 no later than the first semester after declaring the major, the English Department strongly recommends that Preparation for Secondary School Teaching students take ENGL 306 in the semester immediately following ENGL 252, and that they take ENGL 301, ENGL 303, ENGL 304 (formerly 338) and ENGL 307 (formerly 395), 396, or 397 early in their course of study. **If you choose to take fewer than three English courses per semester, as many students do, it is still important to take ENGL 301, 303, 304 (formerly 338), 306, and 307 (formerly 395), 396, or 397 early in your course of study.**

**OPTIONAL ADOLESCENT EDUCATION MINOR:** This special 26-credit minor in the School of Education prepares students to teach English in grades 7-12. Students who take both the English: Preparation for Secondary School Teaching major and the Adolescent Education minor meet the initial certification requirements for New York State and New York City public schools. Students interested in the Education minor must apply to the School of Education for admission.