ENGLISH MAJOR (B.A.)

Purpose

Liberty University’s English program provides instruction in the theory and practice of writing and in the analysis and criticism of literature in order to prepare students for careers and for graduate study in language arts and language arts education, and for a life of growing appreciation for the language arts. Toward this end, the program seeks:

1. to develop the necessary curricular offerings and practical opportunities for student achievement in the areas of literary criticism; syntactical, rhetorical, critical and creative features of writing; and a well-developed understanding of the Christian worldview;
2. to develop strategies for providing students with both curricular and practical opportunities which make the most efficient and effective use of the department’s academic, physical, and budgetary resources; and
3. to provide graduates with the highest quality of professional preparation and, for teacher candidates, to meet licensure requirements.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

1. Interpret and evaluate literary and critical texts in the context of a Christian worldview.
2. Formulate and express original ideas based on critical analysis of texts.
3. Analyze relationships between texts and literary and cultural history.
4. Write according to the complex demands of grammar and mechanics, purpose, audience, and discursive style.
5. Research and write in the style appropriate to the field of English.

Programs of Study

Delivery Format: Residential Only

- English (B.A.) - Resident
- English (B.A.), Teacher Licensure - Resident

Career Opportunities

- Professional Writing
- Marketing
- Editing and Journalism
- Legal Studies
- Publishing
- Secondary and Higher Education

Courses

ENGL 000  English Assessment  0 Credit Hour(s)
Offered: Resident and Online

ENGL 100  Basic Composition  3 Credit Hour(s)
This course focuses on proficiency in grammar, paragraph development, writing basic essays, and the writing process in general. A minimum of three paragraphs and two essays will be required. ENGL 100 does not meet the general education requirements in English but does offer three elective credits.
Offered: Resident and Online

ENGL 101  Composition and Rhetoric  3 Credit Hour(s)
Resident Prerequisite: ENGL 100 or ESOL 100 or Placement Score-English with a score of 070
Online Prerequisite: ENGL 100 or ESOL 100 or Placement Score-English with a score of 070 or Assessment - English with a score of 32
Through the critical engagement of a variety of texts, including written, oral, and visual, this course prepares students to become careful readers, critical thinkers, and skilled writers. Drawing upon rhetorical theory, it emphasizes the practices of analytical reading, informed reasoning, effective writing, and sound argumentation. The course requires 4,000 words of writing in no fewer than five writing projects, three of which are argumentative essays incorporating external sources.
Offered: Resident and Online

ENGL 102  Composition and Literature  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101
Composition and Literature continues the emphasis on writing. Two analytical papers - based upon studies of the short story, poetry, and drama - and a research paper, sequentially developed, are required.
Offered: Resident and Online

ENGL 103  Technical Communication for the Professions  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: ENGL 101
Technical communication refers to all communication done on the job, and this course has been designed for those individuals who seek an associate's degree and wish to communicate effectively in their chosen professional field. The instructor will focus on on-the-job communication, including written documents such as resumes and cover letters to get job interviews.
Offered: Online

ENGL 111  Introduction to Documentation  1 Credit Hour(s)
A documentation course on the necessary knowledge and skills to successfully format a research paper and document primary and secondary sources as required in a discipline.
Offered: Online

ENGL 201  American Literature I  3 Credit Hour(s)
A survey from the early Colonial period through the American Renaissance. Two critical papers are required.
Offered: Resident and Online

ENGL 202  American Literature II  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200)
A survey of American literature following the American Renaissance. Two critical papers are required.
Offered: Resident and Online

ENGL 215  English Literature I  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200)
A survey of English literature from its beginning to 1660. Two critical papers are required.
Offered: Resident and Online
ENGL 216  English Literature II  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200)
A survey of English Literature from 1660 to the present. Two critical papers are required.
Offered: Resident and Online

ENGL 221  World Literature I  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200)
A survey of literary works from around the world beginning with the earliest civilizations through about A.D. 1550. Two critical papers are required.
Offered: Resident and Online

ENGL 222  World Literature II  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200)
A survey of literary works from around the world starting about A.D. 1550 to the present. Two critical papers are required.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 299  Internship  0 Credit Hour(s)
Professional-supervised experience in first-hand internship opportunities. Application procedures processed through the Career Center. Must apply semester prior to internship.

Registration Restrictions: Sophomore status, 2.00 GPA, two courses in major, declared major, not more than one CSER behind
Offered: Resident

ENGL 300  Survey of Literary History  3 Credit Hour(s)
A survey of selected world masterpieces from ancient times to the present.
Offered: Online

ENGL 301  Literary History: Ancient  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222) and (RSCH 201 or Inquiry Research with a score of 80 or Research with a score of 80 or Research (prior to 2017-2018) with a score of 80)
A study of selected masterpieces from ancient times to the Renaissance. Research Paper is required.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 302  Literary History: Modern  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A study of selected masterpieces from the Renaissance to the present. Research Paper is required.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 304  Period  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A study of the works of a major period of British or American Literature. Reading intensive.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 305  Genre  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A study of one of the major literary genres - novel, epic, poetry, drama, or essay -investigating its characteristic features and tracing its development over time. Reading intensive.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 306  Diversity  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A study of the literature of a minority culture - Jewish, African American, Latino, for example. Reading intensive.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 307  Expository Writing  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
An introduction to Expository writing, with particular attention paid to structure, form, audience, and tone. Reading intensive.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 308  Author  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A study of the works and contexts of a major Author. Reading intensive.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 310  Children's Literature  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A critical interpretation of literature for children and young adults. Research paper required.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 320  Adolescent Literature  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
This course examines a broad range of young adult literature, both classical and contemporary, with an appeal to a diverse audience, including most adolescents and many adults. The focus is on analyzing works of adolescent literature and acquainting students with critical resources important to the scholar. Research paper required.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 322  Shakespeare  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A study of the principal plays of Shakespeare read in the light of the dramatic and literary background of his time. Research paper required.
Offered: Resident and Online

ENGL 333  Modern Grammar  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A course emphasizing the nature, structure and modifications of the English language with emphasis upon traditional, structural and generative-transformational grammars.
Offered: Resident and Online

ENGL 341  American Realism and Naturalism  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A study of the major writers of American Realism and Naturalism (1865-1930): Twain, James, Chopin, Crane, Dreiser and others. Research paper required.
Offered: Online
ENGL 350 Advanced Expository Writing 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
Instruction in the principles of expository and persuasive writing with emphasis on logic and style. Research paper required.
Offered: Online

ENGL 360 Christian Fantasy Literature 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
This course provides a critical interpretation of Christian fantasy literature. Students will read selected texts by Christian writers from the 19th through the 21st Centuries, making application to the struggle between good and evil. Research paper required.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 364 History of the English Language 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
The pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary of the English language in terms of its historical development are emphasized.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 400 Seminar in Literature 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A study of selected works or authors, providing the student an opportunity to enrich his knowledge and appreciation of literature and to study its relationship to the ideas and problems of life. Research paper required.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 405 Literature of the Bible 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
An examination of the literature and literary theory of the English Bible, based upon analysis and explication of selected passages. Special consideration is given to such topics as literal meaning, metaphor as meaning, and the rhetorical dimensions of various modes of discourse as they occur in Scripture. Research paper required.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 412 Author 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A Seminar in the works and contexts of a major author. Writing Intensive.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 413 Period 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A Seminar in the works of a major period of British or American literature. Writing Intensive.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 414 Genre 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A seminar in one of the major literary genres: novel, epic, poetry, drama, essay, and so on. Investigating its characteristic features and tracing its development over time. Writing Intensive.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 415 Diversity 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A Seminar in the literature of a minority culture—Jewish, African American, Latino or Women, for example. Writing Intensive.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 416 Writing 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
Practice in a variety of literary forms—fiction, poetry, creative, non-fiction, expository—with an emphasis on the development of tone and style. Writing Intensive.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 417 Writing as Cultural Engagement 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
Instruction and practice in writing for publication in various mediums (blogs, op-eds, popular journals, online news sites, etc.) with an emphasis on diverse audiences, rhetorical strategies, and cultural context. Writing intensive.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 419 Methods and Materials in the Teaching of English 2 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222) and Education Teacher Licensure with a score of 5 and (Background Check Clearance with a score of 5 or Background Clear Virginia with a score of 5 or Background Clear International with a score of 5 or Background Clear Out of State with a score of 5)
A study of methods, theories, and activities for teaching language, composition and literature in middle and secondary school English. Must be taken before student teaching. May not be counted toward the English major.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 420 Secondary Methods Teaching Practicum 1 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222) and Education Teacher Licensure with a score of 5 and (Background Check Clearance with a score of 5 or Background Clear International with a score of 5 or Background Clear Out of State with a score of 5 or Background Clear Virginia with a score of 5)
At least 20 hours of reflective classroom observation at the middle or secondary school level and the teaching of two to three consecutive lessons.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 433 Literary Criticism 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
A study of the major philosophies and theories, both historical and contemporary, with attention also given to understanding the various views of literary theory and to the student's development of his own defensible literary theory. Research paper required.
Offered: Resident
ENGL 442  Musical Theatre  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
This course is a survey of the history of musical theatre, beginning with Vaudeville and continuing through to the contemporary stage, with special emphasis given not only to the text but to the performance aspect of the libretto as well.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 460  Christian Literature  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
This is a survey of literary works representing 2,000 years of Christian history. The course covers a broadly defined range of literature that either serves or is shaped by the Christian worldview. The survey begins with the patristic writers of the early church, then turns to the medieval mystics, the reformers, neoclassicists, romantics and moderns, and ends with the dawn of the postmodern period. In addition, the course will include supplemental reading that will assist students in developing a distinctly Christian poetic and aesthetic: a biblical approach to reading, writing, and appreciating literature and all forms of art. Research paper required.
Offered: Online

ENGL 462  Religious Issues in Dramatic Literature  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
This course examines dramatic literature from the classical Greek plays to contemporary dramas, with special attention given to religious criticism. Research paper required.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 491  Senior Capstone  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 301
This course is a senior level capstone seminar results in a project that integrates three of the five course types of the English major: Genre, Author, Period, Diversity and Writing. Additionally, this course will focus on Christian worldview approaches, vocational opportunities, and assessment.
Offered: Resident

ENGL 495  Directed Research  1-3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
Students who qualify will pursue studies of a particular interest as approved and supervised by the instructor.
Registration Restrictions: Junior or Senior status
Offered: Resident

ENGL 497  Special Topics in English  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
ENGL 497 - Special Topics in English (1 to 3 hours)
Offered: Resident

ENGL 499  English Internship  1-6 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 and (ENGL 102 or MUSC 200) and (ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 215 or ENGL 216 or ENGL 221 or ENGL 222)
Professorial-supervised experience in first-hand internship opportunities: writing, editing, researching and comparable duties. Applications are processed through the department Faculty Intern Advisor. Applicants must apply the semester prior to starting the internship.
Registration Restrictions: Junior or Senior status
Offered: Resident