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# **English Language BA Program**

The English Language major focuses on the detailed linguistic study of the English language as it occurs in actual use across communities and throughout history. Graduates of the English Language major should be able to analyze the structure and use of the English language, which includes analyzing sounds, grammar, vocabulary, historical change, social and regional variation, register, standardization, and other social aspects. From the major, students will gain detailed knowledge of the English language and language-based analytical skills.

#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The major will provide a valuable set of information as well as the development of underlying language-based analytical skills for students preparing to enter professions such as law, business, and medicine; for students preparing to be editors; for English and English as a Second Language teachers; and for those preparing to be linguists, philologists, and translators (where English is one of the languages involved).

The following Linguistics faculty members serve as academic advisors for English Language students. Consult the chart below to determine which faculty member is your advisor.

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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (41-53 hours--53 hours if all 12 language credits are taken)

#### 1. Prerequisite Courses Complete Both Courses

Ling 198 Academic Preparation for Linguistics and English Language Majors (2)
ELang 223 Introduction to the English Language (3) (Note: Ling 201 may be substituted for this course)

## 2. Core Courses

ELang 273	Empirical Methods in English Linguistics (3)
ELang 322	Modern American Usage (3)
ELang 324*	History of the English Language (3)
ELang 325	The Grammar of English (3)
ELang 326	English Semantics and Pragmatics (3)
ELang 327	English Phonetics and Phonology (3)
ET 405D	

ELang 495R The Senior Course (3) (Note: For Elang major, this also fills Social Science GE requirement.)

## 3. Complete one from the following:

## 4. Complete one of the following period courses:

ELang 362	Discourse Analysis (3)	ELang 525	Old English 1 (3)
ELang 468*	Intro to Varieties of English (3)	ELang 526	Middle English (3)
Ling 452	Intro to Sociolinguistics (3)	ELang 447*	Early Modern English (3)
Ling 485	Corpus Linguistics (3)	ELang 448	Late Modern English (3)

<sup>\*</sup>Also available on the English Language in Great Britain Study Abroad program.

## **5.** Complete 9.0 hours from the following courses:

DigHT 230	Introduction to Print Publishing (3)	ELang 529	Structure of Modern English (3)
DigHT 250	Web Publishing (3)	ELang 535	Language and Literature (3)
DigHT 260	Tools for Text Processing and	ELang 548	Old English 2 (3)
	Analysis (3)	Ling 325	Syntax (3)
DigHT 315	Research in Digital Humanities (3)	Ling 360	Programming for Text Processing
ELang 362	Discourse Analysis (3)		& Analysis (3)
ELang 421R	Studies in Language or Editing (6v)	Ling 361	Speech Processing (3)
ELang 447*	Early Modern English (3)	Ling 366	Social Media/Marketing Analysis (3)
ELang 448	Late Modern English (3)	Ling 445	Intro to Psycholinguistics (3)
ELang 468*	Intro to Varieties of English (3)	Ling 450	Intro to Historical-Comparative Linguistics (3)
ELang 521R	Studies in Language (3)	Ling 452	Intro to Sociolinguistics (3)
ELang 522	Language Policy and Planning (3)	Ling 485	Corpus Linguistics (3)
ELang 524	History of the Book (3)	Ling 498	Career Preparation for Linguistics and
ELang 525	Old English 1 (3)		English Language Majors (1)
ELang 526	Middle English (3)	Ling 551	Anthropological Linguistics (3)

(Note: only one digital humanities and technology (DigHT) course may be used to fill this requirement.)

(Note: The courses chosen to satisfy requirements 3 and 4 cannot count for requirement 5.)

## 6. Language Expertise (12 hours or equivalent language proficiency)

Complete university course work (or the equivalent) to a 200-level or higher in any single foreign language, including American Sign Language. The language for this requirement may be the same language used to satisfy the GE Foreign Language option, but note that the GE Foreign Language option may require more coursework than this requirement from the English Language major. For non-native speakers of English, the university TOEFL requirement satisfies this requirement for the English Language major. A language relevant to the historical development of English is strongly recommended, namely Latin, French, German, or Classical Greek.

#### SUGGESTED AREAS OF EMPHASIS

Students may choose to follow one of the following suggested areas of emphasis.

Area of Emphasis	Recommended Courses		
Historical English Linguistics (specific	ELang 447: Early Modern English		
preparation for graduate studies in Historical	ELang 448: Late Modern English		
English Linguistics, Philology)	ELang 524: History of the Book		
	ELang 525: Old English		
	ELang 526: Middle English		
Pre-professional Studies (specific preparation	ELang 447: Early Modern English		
for professional studies such as law, business, and	ELang 448: Late Modern English		
medicine)	ELang 524: History of the Book		
	ELang 529: Structure of Modern English		
	Ling 452: Intro to Sociolinguistics		
<b>TESOL</b> (in conjunction with a TESOL minor)	ELang 468: Varieties of English		
	ELang 529: Structure of Modern English		
	Ling 550: Intro to Sociolinguistics		
	DigHT 210: Humanities Technology: Tools and Skills		
English Language Studies (specific preparation	English language period requirement		
for continued studies requiring advanced English	ELang 468: Varieties of English		
language knowledge, including TESOL,	ELang 529: Structure of Modern English		
Linguistics, English)	Ling 452: Intro to Sociolinguistics		
Textual Analysis (specific preparation for	English language period requirement		
studies	ELang 524: History of the Book		
in editing and textual criticism)	ELang 468: Varieties of English		
	Elang 485: Corpus Linguistics		
	ELang 529: Structure of Modern English		

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