

English Education Concentration Worksheet

(English Subject Matter Waiver Program)

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Major Core Requirements (28 units)

Institution	Sem/Year	Course #	Course Title	Units	Grade
		201*	Literary Analysis: Seminar	4	
Two Survey Courses (8units)					
		235*	Early British & American Literature	4	
		236*	Later British & American Literature	4	
Shakespeare Course (4 units)					
		339	Introduction to Shakespeare	4	
Survey in a Distinct Ethnic Tradition (4 units)					
		350	Survey in a Distinct Ethnic Tradition	4	
Theory Course (4 units)					
		491	Seminar in Teaching Composition	4	
Senior Capstone (4 units)					
		496	English Education Capstone Seminar	4	

*Transfer students may have already completed equivalents for these courses. Check with advisor.

English Education Concentration Requirements (23-24 units)

Four Required Courses (16 units)

Institution	Sem/Year	Course #	Course Title	Units	Grade
		341	Explorations in Language	4	
		343	Youth and Literature	4	
		379	Structure of English: Pedagogical Grammar	4	
		492	Reading and Responding to Literature	4	

Two Courses in Strand One or Strand Two (7-8 units)**Strand One: Literature and Literary Analysis**

Course #	Course Title	Units
313	Classical Literature and Myth	4
315	California Ethnic Literature	3
402	Introduction to Digital Humanities	4
448	Periods in British Literature	4
450	Periods in American Literature	4
481	Studies in British Literature	4
482	Studies in American Literature	4
483	Individual Authors: American	4
484	Individual Authors: English	4
Elective Approved by English Education Advisor		

Strand Two: Composition, Rhetoric and Linguistics

Course #	Course Title	Units
307	Introduction to Fiction Writing	4
318	Introduction to Poetry Writing	4
352	Personal Essay	4
375	Advanced Composition	4
407	Advanced Fiction	4
418	Advanced Poetry	4
430	Creative Writing: Select Genres	4
487	Studies in Rhetoric	4
489	Topics in Linguistics	4
Elective Approved by English Education Advisor		

Total Units: 51-52**English Education Concentration and Subject Matter Competency**

The above program of courses is approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the English Single Subject Matter Requirement for secondary teaching (middle school and high school). All courses within SSU's English Subject Matter Waiver Program, the English Education Concentration of the English Major, must be passed with a grade of C or better to qualify for the waiver. Please note, however, that an overall GPA of 3.0 or better is required for this program.

Students who intend to apply to a California-based Single Subject Credential Program will complete the 20 hours of Field Experience required for admission to such programs across ENGL 491, 492, and 496.

Students who intend to apply to Sonoma State's Single Subject Credential Program in the SSU School of Education should complete EDSS 417: School and Society (3 units) and EDSS 418: Development in Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood (3 units) which count as upper division GE credit. Students applying to credential programs at other universities should inquire about other programs' prerequisites.