2023-24 Academic Year

SECONDARY ENGLISH EDUCATION

Subject endorsement to teach grades 7-12

You love language, and you have a desire to teach. Turn your two interests into a great career by becoming an English teacher. You'll get to pass on the importance of effective communication to the next generation. With a Secondary English Education degree from Wayne State, you'll be eligible to teach subjects such as composition, literature, speech, theatre, communication, journalism, and reading in grades 7-12.

Normally you would need to choose two subject endorsements. Secondary English (7-12) is an exception. This can be your only endorsement to receive your B.A. or B.S.

fast facts

Hours:
40 hours for endorsement
31 hours in professional education classes
30 hours in general education

At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College.

Degrees offered: B.A. or B.S.

Departments: Language and Literature, Educational Foundations and Leadership

Schools: Arts and Humanities, Education and Behavioral Sciences

Clinical practice: One semester of student teaching required

Popular pairings: English as a Second Language (ESL), Reading and Writing (7-12), Speech Education (7-12)

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Creative writing
- Literary analysis
- Advanced English grammar and writing
- Linguistic theory and applications
- American and British literature
- Shakespearean plays and poetry
- Young adult literature
- Classroom strategies to teach the language arts
- Developmental reading for middle and high school
- Classroom management and leadership

Possible Careers

- Middle school English teacher
- High school English teacher
- Journalism teacher
- Literature teacher
- Mass communication teacher
- Theatre teacher
- Author
- Editor
- Publisher
- Librarian

Types of Employers

- Middle schools
- High schools
- Colleges and universities
- Businesses / organizations
- Newspapers / magazines
- Publishing companies
- Libraries
- Public offices
- Non-profit organizations
- Self-employment

outside the classroom

Visit www.wsc.edu/clubs to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.

Activities / Opportunities

- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)
- Publications
- Study Abroad
- Writing competitions

Clubs / Organizations

- Kappa Delta Pi
- Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Aspiring Educators
- Sigma Tau Delta (National English Honorary)
- Student Council for Exceptional Children
- Writing Club

Sample program of study

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Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. There is no substitute for developing a careful course registration plan in consultation with your advisor. The class sequence listed is suggested only. The final decision rests with the student and academic advisor.

Freshman

EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education 3
ENG 102 Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1) 3
ENG 202 Poetry Workshop (General Studies CAT 6) 3
ENG 203 Fiction Workshop or ENG 204 Creative Nonfiction Workshop 3
ENG 270 Critical Approaches to Literature 3
HIS 120 World History (General Studies CAT 10) 3
General Studies CAT 2 3
General Studies CAT 7 3
General Studies CAT 9 3
Math by advisement (General Studies CAT 3) 3

Sophomore

EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition 3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design 3
*ENG 361 American Literature I 3
*ENG 362 American Literature II 3
General Studies CAT 4 3
General Studies CAT 5 3
General Studies CAT 8 3
Coursework in minor or electives 3

Advancement to Level 2: Acceptance to Teacher Education Candidacy required before taking any 300/400 level EDU/SPD courses.

Junior

*ENG 371 British Literature I 3
*ENG 372 British Literature II 3
EDU 409 English Content Area Methods, Materials, and Assessment (spring only) 3
EDU 414 Content Area Practicum Experience 1
ENG 380 Shakespeare 3
ENG 426 Linguistic Theory and Applications 3
ENG 441 Traditional English Grammar 1
ENG 443 Young Adult Literature 2
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-teaching in General Education 3
Coursework in minor or electives 12

Senior

ENG 381 Classical Mythology or ENG 382 The Bible as Literature 3
ENG 442 Teaching Writing 2
ENG 444 Developmental Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools 2
ENG 480 Senior Seminar 3
SPD 436 Classroom Management through Social-Emotional Learning 7-12 3
Elective by advisement (if needed to meet 120 hours) 3

Advancement to Level 3: Clinical Practice
EDU 456 Clinical Practice and Seminar for the Secondary School ... 12

*American Literature I and II and British Literature I and II are offered in alternating years.

All persons seeking Nebraska certification are required to provide proof of a passing score on the Praxis II Subject Assessment designated for the area(s) of endorsement. For information about the test requirements, please visit the Nebraska Department of Education website at www.education.ne.gov.

language and literature faculty

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