

SECONDARY ENGLISH EDUCATION

Subject endorsement to teach grades 6-12

If you are passionate about literature, writing, and the art of storytelling, consider teaching with a Secondary English Education degree. A person with this endorsement may teach and direct curricular and co-curricular activities in composition, language, literature, and reading in grades 6-12. In the Secondary English Education program at Wayne State, you'll learn to develop creative lesson plans and explore diverse literary genres, so you can instill in your future students an appreciation for literature while promoting the importance of strong reading and writing skills. As an English teacher, you'll have the potential to make a significant impact on the next generation by helping to develop student literacy and critical thinking - essential skills for academic and lifelong success.

Typically you would need to choose two subject endorsements. Secondary English (6-12) is an exception. This can be your only endorsement to receive your B.A. or B.S.

fast facts

Credit hours: 71

Students must also take 30 credit hours of General Studies courses. A total of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate from WSC. Additional majors or minors can be added to help meet graduation requirements.

Degree options: B.A. or B.S.

Departments: Language and Literature, Educational Foundations and Leadership

Schools: Arts and Humanities, Education and Behavioral Sciences

Popular pairings: English as a Second Language (ESL) Education, Journalism and Media Education, Reading and Writing Education, Spanish Education, Special Education Generalist, Speech Education, Theatre Education

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

Activities / Opportunities

- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA)
- Study Abroad
- The Judas Goat
- The Nebraska Territory
- Plains Writers Series
- Poetry and fiction slams
- WSC Press

Clubs / Organizations

- Drama Club
- Film Club
- Forensics Team
- Lambda Pi Eta
- Literature Club
- Nebraska State Education Association
- (NSEA) Aspiring Educators
- Sigma Tau Delta (National English Honorary)
- Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC)
- The Wayne Stater



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



Courses and outcomes

2026-27 Academic Year

The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Program courses

English Content Courses

ENG 202 Poetry Workshop	3
ENG 270 Critical Approaches to Literature.....	3
ENG 361 American Literature I	3
ENG 362 American Literature II.....	3
ENG 371 British Literature I.....	3
ENG 372 British Literature II	3
ENG 380 Shakespeare	3
ENG 426 Linguistic Theory and Applications.....	3
ENG 441 Traditional English Grammar	1
ENG 442 Teaching Writing	2
ENG 443 Young Adult Literature.....	2
ENG 444 Developmental Reading in Middle and Secondary Schools	2
ENG 480 Senior Seminar	3
Select one of the following.....	3
ENG 203 Fiction Workshop (3)	
ENG 204 Creative Nonfiction Workshop (3)	
Select one of the following.....	3
ENG 381 Classical Mythology (3)	
ENG 382 The Bible as Literature (3)	

Professional Education Courses

EDU 150 Introduction to Professional Education	3
EDU 245 Preparing for Level 2: Teacher Candidacy.....	0
EDU 250 Human Development and Cognition.....	3
EDU 275 PK-12 Instructional Design.....	3
EDU 409 Content Area Methods and Assessment (English).....	3
EDU 414 Content Area Practicum Experience	1
EDU 445 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice	0
EDU 456 Clinical Practice and Seminar for the Secondary School.....	12
SPD 302 Inclusion and Co-Teaching in General Education	3
SPD 436 Classroom Management through Social Emotional Learning 7-12.....	3

Student learning outcomes

English programs

1. Analyze works of literature in English
2. Evaluate works of literature in English
3. Explain how social, philosophical, and cultural factors influence language
4. Demonstrate effective skills in written communication for a range of genres, purposes, and audiences

Education programs

Teacher candidates who successfully complete an education preparation program at Wayne State will be able to:

1. Create environments that support individual and collaborative learning using knowledge of how students grow and develop, along with individual differences and diverse cultures. (InTASC Standards 1-3)
2. Plan for instruction by applying content knowledge, a variety of instructional strategies, and multiple methods of

assessment to connect concepts for learners in real-world applications. (InTASC Standards 4-8)

3. Engage in ongoing professional learning and use evidence to reflect on and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner. (InTASC Standard 9)
4. Seek leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with stakeholders, and to advance the profession. (InTASC Standard 10)

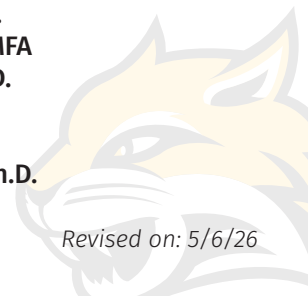
language and literature faculty



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