

# ENGLISH: TOPICS IN ENGLISH, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelors of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in English, Topics in English Concentration

Undergraduate Degree Programs in English

## Majors:

English, BALAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/english-balas/>) with concentrations:

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English, English Teaching Concentration, BALAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/english-balas/english-teaching/>)

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Minimum required major and supporting coursework equates to 39 hours of English department courses. Students must complete at least 15 hours of coursework at the 300-level or above (ENGL 301, ENGL 350, and 9 more hours) and 9 of these hours (including the capstone) must be taken in the student's chosen field.

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>) requirements.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

For this concentration, students will complete 12 hours of coursework (4 courses) in one of three cluster areas: Literature and Science, Media Cultures, or Race, Indigeneity, Gender, and Sexuality. These 12 hours will be selected from an approved list of courses for this category maintained by the English department. Students can access these lists and a further description of each cluster on the Department of English website (<https://english.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-studies/majors-minors/>).

**Departmental Distinction:** Students interested in graduating with distinction or high distinction are encouraged to consult the departmental honors adviser. In addition, students interested in the departmental honors program should contact the English department advising office.

## Topics in English

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		<b>9</b>
ENGL 200	Introduction to the Study of Literature and Culture (prerequisite for other English courses; can be taken at the same time as a course that satisfies the Composition I requirement)	
ENGL 301	Introduction to Critical Theory	
ENGL 350	Writing about Literature, Text, and Culture	
<b>Cluster Courses</b> <sup>1</sup>		<b>12</b>
Four courses in one of the following clusters, selected from approved lists maintained by the English Department:		
Literature and Science		
Media Cultures		
Race, Indigeneity, Gender, and Sexuality		
<b>Capstone Course</b>		<b>3</b>
ENGL 400	Senior Capstone Seminar (guided research in the student's chosen field)	
<b>Elective Coursework</b> <sup>1,2</sup>		<b>15</b>
At least five courses chosen from those controlled by or cross-listed with the Department of English (Business and Technical Writing, Creative Writing, and English)		
One course in Difference and Diaspora. This requirement can be fulfilled by taking an appropriately focused course from among ENGL 350: Writing about Literature, Text, and Culture; the cluster courses; or the elective coursework. <sup>1</sup>		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>39</b>

<sup>1</sup> Chosen from the list maintained in the Department of English. Note: ENGL 350 can serve as a period course, a cluster course, an elective course, and/or a Difference and Diaspora course only when it is not also being used to fulfill a core requirement. Students who wish to use ENGL 350 in this way must thus take the course a second time (and with a different topic than the first time).

<sup>2</sup> Students may count one Independent Study course (ENGL 290, ENGL 390 or BTW 290) toward the additional coursework requirement.

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## Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree General and Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

**First Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Free elective course		1 General Education course	3
ENGL 200		3 Free elective course	4
Language Other than English (3rd level)		4 General Education course or Composition 1	4
Composition I or General Education course		4 Language Other than English (4th level)	4
Free elective course		3	
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Second Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
ENGL 301		3 ENGL 350	3
General Education course		3 Elective coursework	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Third Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Cluster Course		3 Cluster course	3
Elective coursework		3 Elective coursework	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
General Education course		3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Cluster Course		3 Cluster Course	3
Elective coursework		3 Difference and Diaspora course	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
ENGL 400		3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Total Hours 120**

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**department faculty:** English Faculty (<https://english.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/>)  
**advising:** English advising (<https://www.english.illinois.edu/undergraduate/advising/>)  
**overview of college admissions & requirements:** Liberal Arts & Sciences (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/>)  
**college website:** <https://las.illinois.edu> (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)