

Linguistics and English, BA

Overview

In the combined major in linguistics and English, students study the structures and analysis of human languages across multiple levels (sounds, words, phrases and sentences, meaning) and apply this knowledge to understanding how the English language works, its rhetorical forms, how it has changed over time, and its cultural context. Students hone their writing skills, develop substantial language-analysis skills, and apply them particularly to English.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Linguistics Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Linguistics Requirements		
LING 1150	Introduction to Language and Linguistics	4
LING 2350	Linguistic Analysis	4
LING 3412	Language and Culture	4
LING 3442	Sociolinguistics	4
Linguistic Structure		
Complete three of the following:		12
LING 3420	Phonetics	
LING 3422	Phonology	
LING 3424	Morphology	
LING 3450	Syntax	
LING 3452	Semantics	
Linguistics Electives		
Complete two of the following that have not already been taken to fulfill other major requirements:		8
LING 3000 to LING 4999 ¹		
DEAF 2700	ASL Linguistics	

¹ Please visit the Linguistics Courses page (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/science/linguistics/#coursestext>) within this catalog to review the list of courses in the LING 3000–LING 4999 range.

English Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
English Course-Level Requirement		
At least two of the courses chosen from the English requirements lists below must be numbered 3000–4999.		
Foundational Courses		
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric	4
or ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing	
ENGL 1400	Introduction to Literary Studies	4

Diversity

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 2150	Literature and Digital Diversity
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity
ENGL 3685 or JWSS 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature

Pre-Nineteenth-Century Literature

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 1600	Introduction to Shakespeare
ENGL 1700	Global Literatures 1
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature
ENGL 3101	Early Literatures
ENGL 3120	17th- and 18th-Century Literatures
ENGL 3618	Milton
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity
or JWSS 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity

Nineteenth-, Twentieth-, and Twenty-First-Century Literature

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 2301	The Graphic Novel
ENGL 2330	The American Renaissance
ENGL 2440	The Modern Bestseller
ENGL 2600	Irish Literary Culture (Abroad)
ENGL 2610	Contemporary Israeli Literature and Art Abroad
ENGL 3140	19th-Century Literatures
ENGL 3619	Emerson and Thoreau
ENGL 3685 or JWSS 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature
ENGL 3720	19th-Century Major Figure
ENGL 3730	20th- and 21st-Century Major Figure

Theories and Methods

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 1140	Grammar: The Architecture of English
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric
ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing
ENGL 2150	Literature and Digital Diversity
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law
ENGL 3340	Technologies of Text
ENGL 3381	The Practice and Theory of Teaching Writing
ENGL 3400	Opening the Archive
ENGL 3700	Narrative Medicine

Comparative Literature

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 1450	Reading and Writing in the Digital Age
ENGL 1502	American Literature to 1865
ENGL 2150	Literature and Digital Diversity
ENGL 2420	Contemporary Poetry
ENGL 2430	Contemporary Fiction
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers
ENGL 2510	Horror Fiction

ENGL 2520	Science Fiction
ENGL 2600	Irish Literary Culture (Abroad)
ENGL 2620	What Is Nature?
ENGL 2690	Boston in Literature
ENGL 3487	Film and Text (Abroad)

Writing

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 2700	Creative Writing
ENGL 2710	Style and Editing
ENGL 2740	Writing and Community Engagement
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts
ENGL 2770	Writing to Heal
ENGL 2780	Visual Writing
ENGL 2850	Writing for Social Media: Theory and Practice
ENGL 3375	Writing Boston
ENGL 3376	Creative Nonfiction
ENGL 3377	Poetry Workshop
ENGL 3378	Fiction Workshop
ENGL 3380	Writing Seminar
ENGL 3384	The Writer's Marketplace

Electives

Complete one additional ENGL elective at the 2000 level or higher. 4

Linguistics/English Combined Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Integrative Course		
LING 3454	History of English	4
Junior/Senior Seminar		
ENGL 4710 or ENGL 4720 or LING 4654	Capstone Seminar Capstone Project Seminar in Linguistics	4
Experiential Learning		
Complete one of the following options. Courses used to satisfy this requirement may simultaneously satisfy a requirement above.		0-8
Study Abroad (not a Dialogue)		
International Co-op		
LING 4891	Research Seminar in Linguistics	
LING 4970 and LING 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 and Junior/Senior Honors Project 2	
LING 4991	Directed Study Research	

Linguistics/English Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 80 semester hours in the major.

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study**Sample Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall**

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ENGW 1111		4 ENGL 1400		4 Elective		4 Elective		4
LING 1150		4 LING 2350		4 Elective		4 Elective		4
MATH 1215		4 LING 3412 or 3442		4				

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Foreign language core course	4	Foreign language core course	4				
	16		16		8		8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGL 1410 or 1160		4 EESC 2000		1 ENGL elective		4 Co-op	0
LING 3454		4 Diversity course		4 Elective		4	
LING structure course		4 LING structure course		4			
LING elective		4 LING elective		4			
		Theories and methods course		4			
	16		17		8		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	LING 3412 or 3442		4 ENGW 3315		4 Co-op	0
		Comparative literature course		4 Elective		4	
		LING structure course		4			
		Pre-19th-century literature course		4			
	0		16		8		0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op	0	19th-, 20th-, and 21st-century literature course	4				
		Foreign language core course	4				
		Junior/senior seminar	4				
		Writing course	4				
	0		16				

Total Hours: 129