Secondary English Language Arts Education & English Major

This major encompasses the coursework requirements for Illinois teacher licensure in (9-12) English. Completing this major will result in a double major in Secondary English Language Arts Education and English. Students should request academic advisors in both the Education and English departments and work with their advisors to carefully plan their course sequence.

Students must apply and be formally admitted to the Teacher Education Program to enter upper-level coursework. All courses must be completed with a grade of C- (1.7) or higher. Students must maintain major and cumulative GPAs of 2.750 or higher to remain in the program and fulfill licensure requirements. Students also must pass the State mandated content area test prior to student teaching: Test #207 English Language Arts (9-12). The 9-12 English Language Arts content test is required for licensure.

Secondary English Language Arts Education Major

At least half of the Secondary English Language Arts major courses, excluding SEC 100, 300, 450, and 457, must be completed at Elmhurst University. Students also must complete three full terms at Elmhurst prior to student teaching.

The following courses are required:

- EDU 104 Cultural Foundation of Education in the United States
- EDU/SEC 223 Education of PK-12 Learners with Exceptionalities
- EDU/SEC 311 Educational Psychology
- SEC 100 (.25) Introductory Seminar to Teaching as a Caring Profession (.25)
- SEC 300 Intermediate Seminar for Teaching in Diverse and Inclusive Schools (.25)
- SEC 310 Methods and Best Practices in Middle and Secondary Education
- TEL 317 (.75) Methods and Materials for Teaching English Language Learners
- SEC 421 Theory and Practice for Building Academic Literacies in K-12
- ENG 440 Teaching English Methods
- SEC 450 Advanced Seminar in Teacher Collaboration and Professional Practice
- SEC 455 Student Teaching in Secondary and Middle Schools (3.00); requires formal admission to student teaching

The following courses are required for licensure:

- ENG 201 Composition III: Classical Rhetoric and Contemporary Discourse
- ENG 220 Principles of Literary Study
- ENG 315 Adolescent Literature
- ENG 322 British Literature II (1750-1900)
- ENG 351 American Literature
- ENG 372 Multicultural/Postcolonial Literature
- ENG 401 Composition IV: Theory and Research
- ENG 416 History and Structure of the English Language
- ENG 440 Teaching of English
- ENG 451 Advanced Literary Study