Bachelor of Arts in English

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English provides experience across the breadth of English studies, with coursework in literature, rhetoric, linguistics, and writing. It prepares students for graduate study in fields such as English and linguistics or professional school in fields such as secondary English education and law, or for work in any career that involves writing and reasoning. Graduates of the program have gone on to further study and jobs in fields as diverse as secondary school teaching, grant writing for nonprofits, journalism, consulting, and more.

Admission Requirements

Complete the Admission Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/).

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/).
- Complete the General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/).
- Complete the following major requirements:

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Introduction to English Studies

Complete this 3 credit course: 3
ENGL A209  Introduction to English Studies

English Studies Electives

Complete 18 credits from the following, of which at least 12 credits must be upper-division:

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ENGL A312  Advanced Technical Writing
ENGL A313  Professional Writing
ENGL A385  Creative Writing Workshop
ENGL A390A Literature by Period
ENGL A390B Literature by Genre
ENGL A414  Research Writing
ENGL A429  Major Authors
ENGL A450  Linguistics and English Language Teaching
ENGL A476  History of English Language
ENGL A478  Public Science Writing
ENGL A479  Advanced Studies in Literature
ENGL A490  Topics in English Studies
ENGL A490A Topics in Literature
ENGL A490B Language in Use
ENGL A490C Topics in Native Literatures
ENGL A495  Internship in Professional Writing
ENGL A499  English Honors Thesis
LING A101  How Language Works
LING A201  How English Works

Advanced Inquiry in English Studies

Complete the following courses: 9
ENGL A433  Literacy, Rhetoric and Social Practice
ENGL A435  Critical Theory
ENGL A437  Studies in Style and Stylistics

Advanced Writing

Complete 3 credits from the following: 3
ENGL A414  Research Writing
ENGL A499  English Honors Thesis

Integrative Capstone

Complete 3 credits from the following: 3
ENGL A476  History of English Language
ENGL A478  Public Science Writing
ENGL A479  Advanced Studies in Literature

Total 45

Students may petition to satisfy this requirement with 3 credits of ENGL A498 completed with a creative writing project.

A minimum of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 42 credits must be upper-division.

Honors in English

The Department of English recognizes exceptional undergraduate students by awarding them departmental honors in English. To graduate with departmental honors, the student must be a declared English major, satisfy all requirements for a BA in English and fulfill the following:
1. Meet the requirements for Graduation with Honors
   (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/
   academicstandardsregulations/graduation/).

2. Maintain a GPA of 3.50 in all courses in the English major.

3. Complete 6 credits of the following 400-level topics courses with a
   minimum grade of A:

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4. Complete ENGL A499 with a pass grade on a P/F grading scale.

The honors thesis itself is shaped by these guidelines:

- A student wishing to take ENGL A499 should coordinate the
  process from the beginning with two faculty members (one
  considered primary, one secondary), one of whom must be a full-
  time tenure-track member of the Department of English.

- The secondary faculty member may be from another department
  with the approval of the primary faculty member. Both faculty
  members should be involved in the project from early in the
  process.

- The student is responsible for locating the two faculty members and
  securing their agreement to become involved in the project.

- The student should meet regularly (about once every couple of
  weeks) with the primary faculty member guiding the thesis to
  ensure that the project remains on track.

- The student may well benefit from concurrent enrollment in
  ENGL A414.

- The process should begin with a proposal of no more than 1,000
  words (statement of purpose, preliminary controlling generalization
  and outline) along with an annotated bibliography of about 10
  items. This proposal needs to be approved by both faculty members
  before the student may proceed to write the honors thesis itself.

- The anticipated length of the project is 7,500-10,000 words
  (exclusive of reference page[s]).

- The final paper needs to be submitted to the two faculty members
  by the end of the last week of instruction of the semester during
  which the student is enrolled in ENGL A499.

- The project should be undertaken in a student’s senior year.

- Successful completion of ENGL A499 (with success defined as a
  pass for the honors thesis) may be used to count for 3 credits toward
  the 7 credit requirement of the honors senior project.

**Program Student Learning Outcomes**

At the conclusion of the program, students will be able to:

- interpret texts in context with reasoned evidence drawn from
  English Studies’ research methods;

- construct texts that are responsive to audience, purpose, genre, and
  voice; and

- engage scholarly, professional, and public discourse in diverse
  communities.