English/Language Arts Teaching Major

The English/Language Arts Teaching Major, in combination with the Secondary Education Program or Professional Education Program, prepares you for a teaching career at the middle school, junior high, and high school levels. Our program blends knowledge of English Studies with methods of teaching Language Arts, including courses on teaching multicultural literature, young adult literature, and writing.

The English/Language Arts Teaching program has recently revised our major to add a literature and culture requirement. If you declared the major **before Fall 2024**, you may continue with the previous major requirements. Students declaring in **Fall 2024 and after** will follow the new requirements listed below.

Applying for the major:

Declare the major via MyCWU!

Questions about advising? Please schedule an appointment with your advisor via MyCWU.

View the English/Language Arts Teaching Major detailed course description in the CWU Catalog to assist in course selection and planning.

Completing the English/Language Arts Teaching Major

Since the English/Language Arts Teaching Major and the Secondary Education Program and Professional Education Program require a combined 120+ credits, you will likely need more than two years to complete the program.

Take these courses early in your program:

- ENG 302 Poetry and Poetics
- ENG 303 Principles of English Studies
- ENG 222 Multicultural Literature for Teachers

Take these courses near the end of your program, prior to student teaching:

- ENG 422 Teaching Young Adult Literature
- ENG 430 Teaching Writing in the Secondary School
- ENG 488 Teaching Portfolio
- ENG 492 Practicum

Majors are expected to complete ENG 302 and ENG 303 prior to enrolling in other upper-division major requirements. English 422, 430, 488, and 492 are required prior to student teaching. English 430, 488, and 492 must be taken concurrently. All other major

requirements must be completed before enrollment in or taken concurrently with ENG 488. If you need assistance enrolling in these courses, please email English@cwu.edu.

Graduation Requirements

Plan GPA of 2.5. No grade lower than a C for all courses used to satisfy program requirements.

Course of Study

Required Courses – Credits: 45

- ENG 222 – Multicultural Literature for Teachers (5) *Prerequisite: Academic Writing I and Academic Writing II and admission to the English/Language Arts Teaching Major*
- ENG 302 – Poetry and Poetics (5) *Prerequisite: Academic Writing I and Academic Writing II*
- ENG 303 – Principles of English Studies (5) *Prerequisite: Academic Writing I and Academic Writing II*
- ENG 320 – English Grammar (5) ENG 363 – Shakespeare (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 302 and ENG 303*
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- ENG 420 – English Linguistics (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 320*
- ENG 422 – Teaching Young Adult Literature (5) *Prerequisite: EFC 340, PSY 314, ENG 302, and ENG 303, and admission into the Teacher Certification Program*
- ENG 430 – Teaching Writing in the Secondary School (5) *Prerequisite: EFC 340 and 28 credits of English courses / Co-requisite: Must enroll concurrently in ENG 488 and ENG 492*
- ENG 488 – Teaching Portfolio (2) *Prerequisite: Current WSP/FBI fingerprint clearance and admission to the Teacher Certification Program / Co-requisite: Must enroll concurrently in ENG 430 and ENG 492*
- ENG 492 – Practicum (3) *Prerequisite: Completed 28 English credits for English/Language Arts Teaching majors, full admission to the Teacher Certification Program, and current WSP/FBI fingerprint clearance / Co-requisite: Must enroll concurrently in ENG 430 and ENG 488*

Select one literary forms course – Credits: 5

- ENG/TH 380 – Studies in Drama (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 302 and ENG 303*
- ENG 453 – Studies in Fiction (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 302 and ENG 303, or instructor permission*
- ENG 454 – Studies in Nonfiction (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 302, ENG 303, or instructor permission*
- ENG 455 – Studies in Poetry (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 302 and ENG 303*

Select one literature & history courses – Credits: 5

- ENG 371 – Literature & History I (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 302 and ENG 303*
- ENG 372 – Literature & History II (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 302 and ENG 303*
- ENG 373 – Literature & History III (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 302 and ENG 303*
- ENG 374 – Literature & History IV (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 302 and ENG 303*

Select one writing course – Credits: 5

- ENG 263 – Intro to Creative Writing (5) *Prerequisite: Academic Writing I and Academic Writing II*
- ENG 264 – Creative Writing and the Environment (5) *Prerequisite: Academic Writing I and Academic Writing II*
- ENG 265 – Creative Writing for Well-being (5) *Prerequisite: Academic Writing I and Academic Writing II*
- ENG 364 – Fiction Writing (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 263 or ENG 264 or ENG 265*
- ENG 365 – Poetry Writing (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 263 or ENG 264 or ENG 265*
- ENG 366 – Creative Nonfiction Writing (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 263 or ENG 264 or ENG 265*

Select one critical studies course – Credits: 5

- ENG 415 – Critical Studies in American Literature (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 302 and ENG 303*
- ENG 417 – Critical Studies in World Literature (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 302 and ENG 303*
- ENG 419 – Critical Studies in British Literature (5) *Prerequisite: ENG 302 and ENG 303*

Select one literature and culture course - Credits: 5

- ENG 329 - Cultural Studies in Literature **Credits:** (5)
- ENG 330 - African American Literature **Credits:** (5)
- ENG 331 - Latina/o Literature **Credits:** (5)
- ENG 332 - American Indian Literature **Credits:** (5)
- ENG 333 - Asian American Literature and Cultures **Credits:** (5)
- ENG 335 - Women's Literature **Credits:** (5)
- ENG 336 - Race and Literature **Credits:** (5)
- ENG 337 - LGBTQ2IA+ Literatures and Cultures **Credits:** (5)
- ENG 347 - Global Perspectives in Literature **Credits:** (5)

Total Credits: 70

Two-Year Schedule

See below for planned course offerings for the English/Language Arts Teaching Major. The courses and course rotations are subject to change.

Sections in bold are offered online

Required Courses (45 credits)	**2026-27**			**2027-28**		
ENG 222 Multicultural Literature for Teachers (5)	F			F		
ENG 302 Poetry and Poetics (5)	F/**F**	**W/W**	S	F/**F**	**W/W**	S
ENG 303 Principles of Eng. Studies (5)	F/**F**	**W/W**	S	F/**F**	**W/W**	S
ENG 320 English Grammar (5)	F	W/**W**	**S**	F	W/**W**	**S**
ENG 363 Shakespeare (5*)	F		**S**	F		**S**
ENG 420 English Linguistics (5)	**F**	**W**		**F**	**W**	
ENG 422 Teaching Young Adult Literature (5)		W			W	
ENG 430 Teach. Writing Secondary School (5)	F	W		F	W	
ENG 488 Teaching Portfolio (2)	F	W		F	W	
ENG 492 Practicum (3)	F	W		F	W	
Literary Forms Courses (5 credits)	**2026-27**			**2027-28**		
ENG/TH 380 Studies in Drama (5*)			S			S
ENG 453 Studies in Fiction (5*)			**S**			**S**
ENG 454 Studies in Nonfiction (5*)		**W**			**W**	
ENG 455 Studies in Poetry (5*)	**F**			**F**		
**May be repeated for credit under different subtitle*						
Literature & History Courses (5 credits)	**2026-27**			**2027-28**		
ENG 371 Literature & History I (5*)		**W**			**W**	
ENG 372 Literature & History II (5*)			S			S
ENG 373 Literature & History III (5*)		W			W	
ENG 374 Literature & History IV (5*)	**F**			**F**		
**May be repeated for credit under different subtitle*						
Creative Writing Courses (5 credits)	**2026-27**			**2027-28**		
ENG 263 Intro to Creative Writing (5)	F	W		F	W	
ENG 264 Creative Writing and the Environment (5)		**W**	S		**W**	S
ENG 265 Creative Writing for Well-being (5)	**F**		**S**	**F**		**S**
ENG 364 Fiction Writing (5)	**F**	W		**F**	W	
ENG 365 Poetry Writing (5)	F	**W**		F	**W**	
ENG 366 Creative Nonfiction Writing (5)		W/**W**			W/**W**	
Critical Studies Courses (5 credits)	**2026-27**			**2027-28**		
ENG 415 Critical Studies in American Literature (5*)			**S**			S
ENG 417 Critical Studies in World Literature (5*)		**W**			W/**W**	
ENG 419 Critical Studies in British Literature (5*)	F/**F**			**F**		

**May be repeated for credit under different subtitle*						
Literature and Cultural Courses (5 credits)	**2026-27**			**2027-28**		
ENG 329 Cultural Studies in Literature (5)		W			W	
ENG 330 African American Literature (5)		**W**			**W**	
ENG 331 Latina/o Literature (5)						**S**
ENG 332 American Indian Literature (5)			**S**			
ENG 333 Asian American Literature (5) -- **Summer Only**						
ENG 335 Women's Literature (5)	F			F		
ENG 336 Race & Literature (5)	**F**			**F**		
ENG 337 LGBTQ+ Literature (5)			S			S
ENG 347 Global Perspectives in Literature (5)		**W**			**W**	