English Education

Official Program Checksheet

Why Choose English Education?

The English Education program prepares its students to become outstanding English language arts teachers at the middle and high school levels. We offer a program of study for those who have a love of language, literature, and composition as well as a desire to share their passion with high school and middle school students. An array of courses offers English Education students a blend of classical and modern literature, written and oral skills, and critical and creative approaches to language studies. Students also may participate in a variety of co-curricular opportunities including Sigma Tau Delta English honor society, The Ferris State English Society, The Torch newspaper, the Annual Shakespeare Festival, student-led professional development events, and English language arts community outreach and services.

In addition, the English education program prepares prospective teachers for the challenges of teaching students from a broad range of cultural backgrounds in such diverse educational settings as traditional high and middle schools, vocational-technical centers, alternative and magnet schools and tech-prep programs.

Current vocational studies predict growing opportunities for teachers at all levels, both to replace retiring teachers and to provide lower student-teacher ratios in classrooms.

High school graduates, whether they plan to attend college or not, need language and writing instruction that qualifies them to meet the demands of their future careers. The FSU program prepares prospective teachers with the knowledge and skills essential to provide effective English instruction for students in Michigan and throughout the nation.

Career Opportunities

The English education program prepares students to teach in high school, as well as in vocational-technical centers, alternative and magnet schools, tech-prep programs and other non-traditional educational settings. With additional study, students may also teach in post-secondary schools. The program focuses on preparing prospective teachers for the challenges of teaching students from a broad range of educational and cultural backgrounds. English teachers are in high demand and the employment outlook is excellent. A teaching minor is required. You cannot have an English teaching minor with this teaching major.

Admission Requirements

High school students and transfer students with 29 credit hours or less must possess a high school grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or an ACT composite score of 17 or 900 SAT.
Transfer students with 30 credit hours or more must possess a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Students transferring into the program with completed majors or minors must have the appropriate GPA as established by each department. Consult individual program description for other admission requirements.

**General Education Requirements**

All University General Education requirements can be found here: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/requirements/BA-BS.htm

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/courses/index.htm

Consult the official checksheet or program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

**Teacher Certification Requirements**

As required by the State of Michigan to receive teacher certification, all teacher candidates must: (1) pass the Professional Readiness Exam, (2) pass the pedagogy tests in their subject area majors and minors, and (3) have a 2.50 minimum GPA to receive teacher certification in Michigan. These state requirements are in addition to the FSU graduation requirements of your individual program.

**Graduation Requirements**

The English education program leads to a Bachelor of Science degree through the School of Education, College of Education & Human Services. Graduates must complete all of FSU's general education, English, and education requirements. Professional education requirements include a semester of directed student teaching. Consult individual program description for other graduation requirements.

A 3.0 GPA must be obtained in all required courses of the English teaching major, a minimum of C in any individual course (or transfer equivalent) within the major and a minimum of a B in ENGL 150 and ENGL 250 (general education requirements or their transfer equivalents).

**More Information**

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