English Teaching

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Major Description

The English Teaching emphasis and English Teaching Composite major at Utah State University prepares students to enter the field of secondary education with confidence and experience. The program offers a solid foundation in content area, a firm understanding of how theory and practice are connected, and the ability to meet the needs of our increasingly diverse student population.

The program offers courses that relate specifically to English teaching methods so that students do not have to wait until they start the Teaching Program in the College of Education to learn about teaching English. The English Education program prepares students towards professional licensure and preparation in the teaching of secondary-level English. Students become versed in their academic subject matter, skilled in the methods of teaching curriculum and classroom management techniques. Students learn how to read research studies by professionals in the field and can conduct research themselves.

While most graduates become professional teachers, some graduates may choose to use this versatile English degree to pursue other career paths.

Admission Requirements

Freshmen: New freshmen admitted to USU in good standing qualify for admission to this major.

How to Customize Your Own Class Schedule

1. ACT/SAT Scores, AP, IBO, and Concurrent Enrollment/Transfer Credits

Gather your ACT/SAT and advanced placement (AP) scores, any concurrent enrollment, International Baccalaureate (IB), and transfer credits you have taken or are currently taking.

- Know your ACT/SAT scores so you can determine which prerequisites you have already met (particularly for math). Make sure these scores are all in Banner by clicking “Test Scores” in your student records, and double check when you took the test (math scores are only good as prereqs if taken after August 1, 2019)
- See how your AP credits will count at USU by viewing the AP table in the University Catalog. You can see if USU has received your AP scores by viewing your transcript by clicking on “View Transcript” in your student records.
- See how your IBO credits will count at USU by viewing the IBO table in the University Catalog.
- See if your transfer or concurrent enrollment credits are equivalent to any courses or requirements at USU by looking at the “Course by Course” page on the transfer page. Make sure your previous courses are on your USU transcript by clicking “View Transcript” in your student records.
- Go to the Finding Your Scores/Courses webpage if you need help getting current scores or credits transferred to USU.

If you have already satisfied some recommended first semester courses listed on this guide, you may need additional credits to complete your schedule. Refer to the four-year plans in the University Catalog, register for the next courses listed in your plan, and then verify your course selections with your advisor after the date listed in the advising section below.
2. Placement Tests

Math Placement

Every incoming student has access to the ALEKS math system for free. ALEKS is the software you will use to place into a math class, and brush up on math skills you lack. You can take up to five proctored exams for placement purposes, and you can work through customized learning modules for up to six months so you can place higher in math, or learn some basic skills so your math class isn't as difficult once you get into it.

Go to ALEKS and take a proctored math exam to determine where you can place in math. After that, feel free to study in ALEKS before the semester begins, and take additional placement exams if you think you can place higher. This website has information about how to take a proctored exam in Logan, throughout Utah, and at an out-of-state location.

Note: some students with math ACT/SAT scores, AP scores, or college-credit math grades earned after August 1, 2019 are able to automatically register for a math class because they meet the pre-requisite for the course. If you think you can automatically qualify to register for a math class, click on a specific math class in the math path below to see pre-requisite scores needed for that class.

Language Placement

If you have foreign language skills, take the language placement exam by going to https://lpcs.usu.edu/programs/languages/language-testing/ if you would like to earn inexpensive elective credits for previous knowledge, or place into a higher language course.

Call the freshman hotline at 435-797-0283 if you have additional questions as you prepare.

3. Class Schedule

Use the results from steps one and two, along with the recommended courses below, to make a list of several classes you would like to take. Be sure to include a few extra courses as back-ups.

First Semester Registration Guide

Recommended First Semester Courses

Register for five of the following classes, which have been recommended by your academic advisor. We recommend you take 15 to 16 credits your first semester. Make sure you register for a math class each semester until you are finished with math/stats.

Critical First Semester Courses are the classes you need to take during your first semester at USU. Additional Classes should be used to fill in to reach 15 to 16 credits. If more credits are needed, refer to the four-year plan in the University Catalog or take additional breadth courses.

Critical First Semester Courses

Do everything you can to get into these classes. If a class is full, add yourself to a waitlist. If the class doesn’t have a waitlist option, check back frequently to look for openings. You’ll be surprised how quickly waitlists turn over, and remember you can add yourself to multiple waitlists for the same course. (Don’t forget to check your email daily so you see any waitlist notifications before they expire.)

ENGL 1010 (CL1)
3 credits

(or ENGL 2010* (CL2) if you already have ENGL 1010 credit)
MATH CLASS
3-5 credits
(See Math Path below)

ENGL 2600
3 Credits
Literary Analysis

Additional Courses
Fill in the rest of your schedule with these classes as needed until you have 15-18 credits.

USU 1010
2 credits

ENGL 2210 (BHU) Intro to Folklore
OR
ENGL 2630 (BHU) Survey of US Culture
3 credits

BREADTH AMER. INSTITUTIONS
(click link to view all options)

BREADTH CREATIVE ARTS
(click link to view all options)

BREADTH PHYSICAL SCIENCES
(click link to view all options)

BREADTH SOCIAL SCIENCES
(click link to view all options)

Your Math Path

- The following math path has been recommended by the advisor for this major. Start at the highest math class you can. Click on the course below to see the catalog description, along with prerequisites needed to register for the course. All math prerequisites expire after one year, so your prerequisite will only be valid to get you into another math class if it was earned after August 1, 2019.

- If you need to complete the QL, choose from STAT 1045, STAT 1040, or MATH 1050. Start at the highest math class that your prerequisites allow. Consider taking a proctored ALEKS exam (see math placement section above). This applies to nearly all students who have been on leave for an extended period of time, i.e. missionaries or students on military leave, or if you think you can place higher than your current math level. Follow one path below:
Math 0950 and Math 0995 are developmental courses and do not count for credit toward graduation. They are not required for your major.

**MATH 0950 --> STAT 1045* (QL) or STAT 1040* (QL)**

You need a higher math ACT, higher math placement score, or MATH 0995 to take STAT 1040. Take STAT 1040 if you can place into it now, otherwise take STAT 1045.

or

**MATH 0950 --> MATH 0995* --> MATH 1050* (QL)**

**Prerequisites and Course Descriptions**

The classes marked with an asterisk(*) have prerequisites. For course descriptions and prerequisite information, click on the class in this guide or see the University Catalog and click on "Course Numbers and Descriptions."

If you have met a class prerequisite via AP or IBO scores or college credits, but have not yet transferred them to USU, you can request a temporary prerequisite override. Only do this if you have already met the prerequisite and are certain you can get your test scores/credits to USU and into Banner well before August 1, 2020. This is the day that your temporary override will expire and your class will be dropped unless you meet the prerequisite in Banner. After you submit a temporary override request, allow for up to 3-4 business days for the request to be processed. Once processed, the Registrar’s office will reach out to you via email.

Math prerequisites only last 1 year, so will not be valid for fall 2020 semester unless they were earned after August 1, 2019.

**English 1010 (CL1) and English 2010 (CL2)**

The Communications Literacy 1 requirement (CL1) is typically fulfilled by ENGL 1010. You have already satisfied the CL1 requirement if you have any of the following:

- ACT English Test: Score of 29 or higher
- SAT (taken before March 2016) Critical Reading Test: Score of 640 or higher
- RSAT (SAT taken since March 2016) Reading Test: Score of 34 or higher
- AP English Language Test: Score of 3 or higher
- AP English Literature Test: Score of 3 or higher
- CLEP English Composition Test: Score of 50 or higher
- CLEP Freshman College Composition Test: Score of 53 or higher
- IBO English A1 Test: Higher-level Score of 5 or higher
- Transfer credit that is equivalent to ENGL 1010

If you have already met the CL1 requirement, you should take English 2010 (CL2). (Note: An IBO English A1 test with a score of 5 or higher satisfies both CL1 and CL2.)

**When Can You Register?**

Students register according to the number of earned hours on their USU transcript. You can see the number of “EARNED” hours on your transcript by clicking “View Transcript” in your student records. Remember that credits that have not yet been received or applied to your USU transcript DO NOT COUNT toward earned hours until they are officially on your USU transcript (USU cannot override this and give you an earlier registration time, even if you have credits en route to USU).

Wednesday, April 8 at 8:00 p.m.—students with 50 or more earned hours on their transcript

Wednesday, April 8 at 9:00 p.m.—students with 40 or more earned hours on their transcript
Wednesday, April 8 at 10:00 p.m.—students with 30 or more earned hours on their transcript

Thursday, April 9 at 8:00 p.m.—students with 20 or more earned hours on their transcript

Thursday, April 9 at 9:00 p.m.—students with 10 or more earned hours on their transcript

Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 p.m.—students with 0-9 earned hours on their transcript

Again, the system looks at earned hours that are already on the USU transcript when determining when a student can register. This cannot be overridden, even if the student has additional credits that are not yet on their USU transcript.

**Advising for First-Year Students in this Major**

You can find more information about the English degree on the [degree finder website](#) or at the [department website](#). For general registration questions, please call the freshman hotline at (435) 797-0283 from 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or during special hours April 8 and 9 from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. You can also email the hotline at [orientation@usu.edu](mailto:orientation@usu.edu).

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences has Peer Ambassadors who can introduce you to how to begin the English major at USU and answer questions about the registration process. Prior to when your registration, you can schedule a phone, in person, or video-chat with one of our Peer Ambassadors at [http://chassadvising.usu.edu](http://chassadvising.usu.edu) or by calling 435-797-3883. Additionally, you can view our advising webpage at [http://chassadvising.usu.edu](http://chassadvising.usu.edu) daily, November 11-14, to book a same-day appointment (call-in/walk-in) for any immediate questions during your registration week. New freshmen in the English Teaching program are required to meet with their advisor, Susie Parkinson, during the first month of their first semester for an orientation follow-up advising session. During the advising session, you and Susie will review all of the requirements needed for graduation and for the English major. Susie will help you create an individualized sample plan for graduation. You can make a phone or in-person appointment with Susie at [http://chassadvising.usu.edu](http://chassadvising.usu.edu) starting November 19.

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