

Minor in Interdisciplinary English Studies

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Language study improves the ability to communicate and enhances understanding and appreciation of others and their cultures. English is widely recognized as a global language, serving as the language of higher education, technology, and media among others. The acquisition of an advanced language proficiency provides access to opportunities for those whose primary language is not English.

Through an integrated-skills approach, the minor in Interdisciplinary English Studies fosters a communicative competence wherein learners gain knowledge about the language, its appropriate use in various contexts, and compensatory strategies for communication breakdowns. Advanced coursework within the minor provides focused study in structure, reading, writing, and/or listening and speaking.

Requirements for Admission to the Minor

Eligibility for this minor is based on identification of students as English language learners. Thus, students must place into the ELP sequence based on a combination of the following:

1. Analysis of student writing on the English Placement Test;
2. Student demographic information provided during the admission process and/or at the time of placement testing;
3. History of primary and/or secondary school attendance in a foreign country, and/or participation in a bilingual education or English as a second language program in the United States.
4. Completion of ELP-112 and/or ELP-114, or direct placement into ELP-120 based on performance on the English Placement Test.
5. Completion of READ-115 or direct placement into READ-116 based on performance on the English Placement Test.

University Core Curriculum Requirements

| General Education Distribution Area | Cr. Hrs. |
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| Fine Arts (FA)* 2 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: Art, CMT (Mass Media or Theatre), Music (includes Dance). | 6 |
| Humanities (HU)* 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: CMT (Communication), English, Linguistics, Philosophy, Women's and Gender Studies, World Languages and Cultures, (Note: No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.) | 9 |
| Behavioral/Social Sciences (SB)* 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: African & African American Studies, Anthropology, Computer Science, Economics, Geography & Environmental Studies, History, Justice Studies, Latino & Latin American Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work | 9 |
| Natural Sciences (NS and NSL)** 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study; one course must have a laboratory component (NSL): Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physics (Note: If an FYE ANTH that counts as Natural Science is taken, only one Biology course may be used for Natural Science). | 9 |

Engaged Learning Experiences

Students must complete, at Northeastern, three courses designated as Engaged Learning Experiences courses. One of the Engaged Learning Experiences courses must be at the 300-level, and one Engaged Learning Experiences course must be designated as "Boundary Crossing".

Discipline Specific (ELE-DS)

These courses have pre-requisites that are specific courses within a program of study. Discipline Specific courses give students a deeper understanding of how knowledge is created and applied in their field.

Boundary Crossing (ELE-X)

These are courses that cross disciplinary boundaries and/or cross boundaries through engagements outside the classroom or University allowing students to see how knowledge gained in one field might inform other fields or other aspects of society.

Math/Quantitative Reasoning (MA)

1 Math course, that has intermediate Algebra as prerequisite OR is a course listed on the General Education Distributive Learning List of Approved Courses. Any 3 hour college level math course, beyond Intermediate Algebra, meets this requirement.

* Majors in Fine Arts, Humanities or Social/Behavioral Sciences, may waive up to 6 credit hours of General Education requirements in the corresponding distribution area.

** Majors in Natural Sciences may waive up to 9 credit hours of General Education requirements in the Natural Sciences distribution area.

Students should also be aware of all other university requirements to obtain a degree - NEIU requirements (<http://catalog.neiu.edu/graduation-requirements/bachelors-degree/>)

Minor in Interdisciplinary English Studies requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Required Courses | | |
| CORE WRITING COURSE | | |
| ELP-120 | ESL Writing Workshop III ¹ | 3 |
| CORE READING COURSE | | |
| READ-116 | ESL Reading Workshop II ² | 3 |
| CORE INTENSIVE LANGUAGE & STRUCTURE COURSES | | |
| Select two of the following: | | 6 |
| ELP-121 | English Grammar Skills | |
| ESL 290 (Topics vary) | | |
| ADVANCED ELECTIVE COURSES | | |
| Select 3 COURSES from the following columns in consultation with the Minor Program Advisor, with at least 1 course at the 300-level. ³ | | 9 |
| Column A: Structure of English | | |
| LING-110 | Lexicology: The Study Of Words | |
| LING-201 | Introduction To General Linguistics | |
| LING-300 | English Grammar In The Classroom ⁴ | |
| LING-301 | History Of The English Language ⁴ | |
| LING-303 | Grammars Of English ⁴ | |
| LING-304 | Introduction To Phonetics & Phonology ⁴ | |
| Column B: Speaking | | |
| CMTC-101 | Public Speaking | |
| CMTC-214 | Business And Professional Communication | |
| CMTC-310 | Persuasion | |
| CMTC-313 | Communication, Gender & Identity | |
| CMTC-314 | Organizational Communication | |
| Column C: Writing | | |
| ENGL-235 | Introduction To Creative Writing I ⁵ | |
| ENGL-335 | Written Communications For Business | |
| ENGL-375 | Becoming A Writing Tutor ⁶ | |
| ENGL-376 | Advanced Composition ⁶ | |
| ENGL-377 | Argumentative Prose ⁶ | |
| Column D: Reading | | |
| ENGL-201 | The World Of Poetry ⁷ | |
| ENGL-202 | The World Of Drama ⁷ | |

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| ENGL-203 | The World Of Fiction ⁷ |
| ENGL-360 | Detective Fiction |
| ENGL-380 | Multi-Cultural Literature In America ⁶ |
| ENGL-390 | Young Adult Novel ⁶ |

Total Hours **21**

- 1 If a student makes exceptional progress in ELP-114 and places out of ELP-120, another writing course must be selected for the minor in consultation with the Minor Program Advisor.
- 2 If a student makes exceptional progress in READ-115 and places out of READ-116, another reading course must be selected for the minor in consultation with the Minor Program Advisor.
- 3 For ECED or ELED majors, 3 courses must be at the 300-level.
- 4 prerequisite: LING-201
- 5 prerequisite: ENGL-101 with a grade of "C" or better, or consent of instructor
- 6 prerequisite: ENGL-101 with a grade of "C" or better, plus 6 hours of 200-level literature courses.
- 7 prerequisite: English Placement Test Score of 7 or 8, ENGL-101 with a grade of "C" or better, or consent of instructor.