

SECONDARY EDUCATION – ENGLISH (6-12) UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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This undergraduate certificate is available only to students pursuing a BA in English. Students who complete both the BA in English and this undergraduate certificate will be considered *Virginia state-approved educator preparation program completers* and will be eligible for recommendation for an initial VA teaching license in Secondary Education (6-12) English.

This certificate may be pursued on a part-time or full-time basis.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Students applying for this undergraduate certificate as a secondary program must have satisfied the following requirements:

- a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00
- passing scores on the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) prescribed entry assessment
- an official College of Education and Human Development review of discipline-specific content competencies coursework (note: a minimum grade of C (2.00) must have been attained in such coursework completed at Mason).

See website (<https://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/think-you-want-to-be-a-teacher>) for more information on the admissions process.

Prior to application for internship, students are required to complete all discipline-specific content competency (<https://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse>) requirements, pass licensure assessments, and have earned a grade of B (3.00) or better in all licensure coursework.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 38

Discipline-Specific Content Competencies Coursework

Coursework is additional to discipline-specific content competencies coursework satisfied with the core requirements of the English major.

Literature

Select one American literature course from the following: 3

ENGH 315	Folklore and Folklife
ENGH 340	Early American Literature

ENGH 341	Literature of the American Renaissance
ENGH 343	Development of the American Novel to 1914
ENGH 344	Development of the American Novel since 1914
ENGH 345	American Drama of the 20th Century
ENGH 346	American Poetry of the 20th Century
ENGH 348	Beginnings of African American Literature Through 1865
ENGH 349	African American Literature: Reconstruction to 1903
ENGH 350	African American Literature Through 1946
ENGH 351	Contemporary African American Literature
ENGH 355	Recent American Fiction
ENGH 356	Recent American Poetry
ENGH 442	Topics: American Literary Periods
Select one British literature course from the following: 3	
ENGH 320	Literature of the Middle Ages
ENGH 321	English Poetry and Prose of the 16th Century
ENGH 322	Shakespeare
ENGH 323	Shakespeare: Special Topics
ENGH 324	English Renaissance Drama
ENGH 325	English Poetry and Prose of the 17th Century
ENGH 330	Augustan Age: 1660-1745
ENGH 331	Age of Sensibility: 1745-1800
ENGH 332	Restoration and 18th Century Drama
ENGH 333	British Novel of the 18th Century
ENGH 334	British Poetry of the Romantic Period
ENGH 335	Prose and Poetry of the Victorian Period
ENGH 336	British Novel of the 19th Century
ENGH 337	British Poetry after 1900
ENGH 338	British Novel after 1900
ENGH 339	British and Irish Drama after 1900
ENGH 421	Topics in Medieval and Renaissance Literature
ENGH 422	Chaucer
ENGH 431	Topics: British Literary Periods
Select one world literature course from the following: 3	
ENGH 360	Continental Fiction, 1770-1880
ENGH 361	Continental Fiction, 1880-1950
ENGH 362	Global Voices (Mason Core)
ENGH 366	The Idea of a World Literature (Mason Core)
ENGH 367	World Literatures in English

Total Credits 9

Language

LING 306	General Linguistics (Mason Core)	3
LING 307	English Grammar	3
or ENGH 307	English Grammar	
Total Credits		6

Teacher Licensure Coursework

EDCI 469	Teaching English in Secondary School	3
EDCI 479	Advanced Methods of Teaching English in the Secondary School	3
EDCI 490	Student Teaching in Education (Mason Core)	6
EDCI 491	Internship Seminar in Secondary Training	2
EDRD 419	Literacy in the Content Areas	3
EDUC 372	Human Development, Learning, and Teaching (Mason Core)	3
EDUC 422	Foundations of Secondary Education	3
Total Credits		23