

English

Overview

The Department of English offers courses in literature, in language, and in writing. The courses in literature have many different focuses: major authors, historical periods, genres, critical theories and methods as well as cultural and multicultural studies. Courses in language offer instruction in both the history and the structure of the English language. Writing courses offer training in both expository and creative writing.

Entry-Level Writing Requirement

Students must have fulfilled the Entry-Level Writing Requirement before taking any course in the Department of English. For further information, see the College Writing Programs (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2018-19/undergraduate/departments/college-writing-programs>) or the Undergraduate Education (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2018-19/undergraduate/education>) section of this guide.

Undergraduate Programs

English (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2018-19/undergraduate/degree-programs/english>): BA, Minor

Graduate Program

English (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2018-19/graduate/degree-programs/english>): PhD

English

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ENGLISH 200 Problems in the Study of Literature 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

Approaches to literary study, including textual analysis, scholarly methodology and bibliography, critical theory and practice.

Problems in the Study of Literature: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to students in the English Ph.D. program

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Problems in the Study of Literature: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201A Topics in the Structure of the English Language 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2007, Fall 2002

Studies in the structure of the English language, varying by semester.

Possible topics include phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics, either separately or in relation to literature, culture, and society.

Topics in the Structure of the English Language: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Topics in the Structure of the English Language: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201B Topics in the History of the English Language 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2009

Topics in the History of the English Language: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Topics in the History of the English Language: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 203 Graduate Readings 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019

Graduate lecture courses surveying broad areas and periods of literary history, and directing students in wide reading. Offerings vary from semester to semester. Students should consult the department's "Announcement of Classes" for offerings well before the beginning of the semester.

Graduate Readings: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open to advanced undergraduates, with the consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Graduate Readings: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 205A Old English 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2011, Fall 2009

Old English: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open to undergraduates with the consent of the instructor

Credit Restrictions: Offered for 4 units in fall and in spring, 3 units in summer.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Old English: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 205B Old English 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2014

Old English: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open to undergraduates with the consent of the instructor

Credit Restrictions: Offered for 4 units in fall and in spring, 3 units in summer.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Old English: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 211 Chaucer 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2014

Discussion of Chaucer's major works.

Chaucer: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Chaucer: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 212 Readings in Middle English 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2016, Spring 2012

Rapid reading of selections in Middle English, from the twelfth century through the fifteenth.

Readings in Middle English: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Readings in Middle English: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 217 Shakespeare 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2016, Fall 2014

Discussion of selected works of Shakespeare.

Shakespeare: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Shakespeare: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 218 Milton 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Fall 2012, Spring 2011

Discussion of Milton's major works.

Milton: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Milton: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 243A Fiction Writing Workshop 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2018, Spring 2017

A writing workshop in fiction for graduate students.

Fiction Writing Workshop: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor, normally based on prior writings submitted

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Fiction Writing Workshop: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 243B Poetry Writing Workshop 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

A writing workshop in poetry for graduate students.

Poetry Writing Workshop: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor, normally based on prior writings submitted

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Poetry Writing Workshop: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 243N Prose Nonfiction Writing Workshop 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2017, Fall 2014

A writing workshop in prose nonfiction for graduate students.

Prose Nonfiction Writing Workshop: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor, normally based on prior writings submitted

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Prose Nonfiction Writing Workshop: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 246C Graduate Proseminars: Renaissance: Sixteenth century (excluding, or at least not prominently featuring, Skakespeare) 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2017, Fall 2014

Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.

Graduate Proseminars: Renaissance: Sixteenth century (excluding, or at least not prominently featuring, Skakespeare): Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Graduate Proseminars: Renaissance: Sixteenth century (excluding, or at least not prominently featuring, Skakespeare): Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ENGLISH 246D Graduate Proseminars: Renaissance: Seventeenth century through Milton 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2015, Fall 2007

Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.

Graduate Proseminars: Renaissance: Seventeenth century through Milton: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Graduate Proseminars: Renaissance: Seventeenth century through Milton: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ENGLISH 246E Graduate Proseminars: Restoration and early 18th century 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Fall 2010, Fall 2008

Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.

Graduate Proseminars: Restoration and early 18th century: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Graduate Proseminars: Restoration and early 18th century: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ENGLISH 246F Graduate Proseminars: Later 18th century 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2016, Fall 2013

Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.

Graduate Proseminars: Later 18th century: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Graduate Proseminars: Later 18th century: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ENGLISH 246G Graduate Proseminars: Romantic 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2017, Spring 2015

Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.

Graduate Proseminars: Romantic: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Graduate Proseminars: Romantic: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ENGLISH 246H Graduate Proseminars: Victorian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2017, Fall 2007

Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.

Graduate Proseminars: Victorian: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Graduate Proseminars: Victorian: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ENGLISH 246I Graduate Proseminars: American to 1855 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Fall 2012, Fall 2011

Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.

Graduate Proseminars: American to 1855: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Graduate Proseminars: American to 1855: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ENGLISH 246J Graduate Proseminars: American 1855 to 1900 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2011, Fall 2008

Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.

Graduate Proseminars: American 1855 to 1900: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Graduate Proseminars: American 1855 to 1900: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ENGLISH 246K Graduate Proseminars: Literature in English 1900 to 1945 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2014, Spring 2013

Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.

Graduate Proseminars: Literature in English 1900 to 1945: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Graduate Proseminars: Literature in English 1900 to 1945: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ENGLISH 246L Graduate Proseminars: Literature in English 1945 to Present 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2014, Fall 2007

Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.

Graduate Proseminars: Literature in English 1945 to Present: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Graduate Proseminars: Literature in English 1945 to Present: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ENGLISH 250 Research Seminars 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019

Required of all Ph.D. students. Advanced study in various fields, leading to a substantial piece of writing. Offerings vary from semester to semester. Students should consult the department's "Announcement of Classes" for offerings well before the beginning of the semester. Research Seminars: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Research Seminars: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

ENGLISH 298 Special Studies 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Directed research. Open to qualified graduate students wishing to pursue special topics. If taken to satisfy degree requirements, must be taken for four units and a letter grade.

Special Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-12 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Special Studies: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 299 Special Study 1 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019

Normally reserved for students directly engaged upon the doctoral dissertation.

Special Study: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-30 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 2-23 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Special Study: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH N299 Special Study 1 - 6 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2012 10 Week Session, Summer 2010 10 Week Session, Summer 2009 10 Week Session

Primarily for students engaged in preliminary exploration of a restricted field, involving research and the writing of a report. May not be substituted for available seminars.

Special Study: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Special Study: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 310 Field Studies in Tutoring Writing 1 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Tutoring Berkeley undergraduates in College Writing R1A, R1A, R1B, and other writing and/or literature courses. Seminar topics: the writing process, responding to writing, composition theory, grammar, collaborative learning, tutoring methods. Tutors keep a weekly journal, read assigned articles, videotape their tutoring, and write a final paper. This course cannot be used toward fulfillment of the major requirements. Field Studies in Tutoring Writing: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Pre-enrollment interviews required

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 6 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for pass/not pass grade only.

Field Studies in Tutoring Writing: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 375 The Teaching of Composition and Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

Discussion of course aims, instructional methods, grading standards, and special problems in the teaching of composition and literature, with practice in handling sample essays. When given for graduate student instructors in the English R1A-R1B Program or the English 45 series, the course will include class visitation.

The Teaching of Composition and Literature: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Formerly known as: English 302

The Teaching of Composition and Literature: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 1 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Individual study in consultation with the major field adviser, intended to provide an opportunity for qualified students to prepare themselves for the various examinations required of candidates for the Ph.D. May not be used for unit or residence requirements for the doctoral degree.

Individual Study for Doctoral Students: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate examination preparation

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Individual Study for Doctoral Students: Read Less [-]