



ACADEMIC ALERT #2008-20

DATE: December 2008

DECISION: College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

**Revised B.A. English; Includes Revised General Education Requirements
Two New Concentrations: Writing and Literature
Updated Teaching Concentration (major and minor) in English for Elementary
Education students.**

RATIONALE: The Revised B.A. in English with concentrations in Writing and Literature updates the program to better meet the needs of students and give them a choice. The concentration in Writing provides a clearer path to the Master of Science in Written Communication Program.

The revised general education requirements will apply to both on-campus traditional and off-campus cohort delivery models for the B.A. Psychology program. The revision reduces the general education requirements from 69 QH to 60 QH, thereby increasing the ease by which transfer students can transition to NLU. In addition to easing transfer, this change is also important as it brings the Psychology program into alignment with the NLU general education minimum requirements. This is consistent with NLU's and CAS's goals of increasing enrollment and creating partnerships with community colleges.

APPROVALS: Senate Academic Planning Committee: October 16, 2008
Faculty Senate; not required

Program Authorizations: The B.A. English Program is authorized to be offered in the following Illinois Regions: Chicago; North Suburban; West Suburban and South Metropolitan.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Winter Term 2009; with regard to the updated teaching concentration for Elementary Education students, effective winter term 2009 for students admitted on or after January 2, 2009, and for any returning student; currently enrolled elementary education students follow the old teaching concentration.

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Summary of Revised B.A. English Program

Existing B.A. English Program		Revised B.A. English Program	
General Education	69 QH	General Education	60 QH
		Required Course Logic & Effective Thinking (must be taken at NLU)	5 QH
Major :		English Major	60 QH
English Literature 50QH		▪ Core	30 QH
English Composition 50 QH		▪ Concentration (Literature or Writing)	30QH
Minor	30 QH	Minor has been eliminated.	
Minor in art, philosophy, math, etc.			
Foreign Language or Art specialization			
Electives	31 QH	Electives	55 QH
	Total: 180 QH		Total: 180 QH

GENERAL EDUCATION 60 QH (formerly 69QH)

These general education requirements have been revised to bring them into alignment with the NLU general education minimum requirements and the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC).

Gen Ed Area	Existing Gen Ed	Revised Gen Ed
Communications	Eng Comp 1 & 2	Eng Comp 1 & 2 Speech
Humanities	Logic & Effective Thinking 1 Elective	2 Humanities courses
Fine Arts	Intro to Art (2) Intro to Music (2)	Fine Arts course(s)
Quantitative Reasoning/ Math	College Math Basic Statistics/ Math Thinking OR Statistical Methods	1 Quantitative Reasoning course
Physical and Life Sciences	General Biology Survey of Physical Science 1 elective science course	General Biology or equivalent 1 physical science course, survey of physical science recommended
Social Sciences	Contemporary World Cultures Introductory Social Science OR U. S. History course	U.S. History or European History 1 social science course
Behavioral Science	General Psychology	General Psychology or equivalent
Additional Gen Ed requirements	1 English, Speech or Drama elective	deleted
Total Hours:	69 QH	60 QH
Additional Program Requirement		Logic & Effective Thinking 5QH (must be taken at NLU)

Listing of Revised General Education Requirements for Catalog

Communications:

English Composition 1 and 2
Speech 1

Humanities:

2 Humanities courses

Fine Arts:

Fine Arts course(s)

Quantitative Reasoning/Math:

1 Quantitative Reasoning course

Physical & Life Sciences:

General Biology or equivalent
1 physical science course, survey of physical science recommended

Social Sciences:

U.S. History or European History
1 social science course

Behavioral Science:

General Psychology or equivalent

Additional Program Requirement:

Logic & Effective Thinking 5
(must be taken at NLU)

Courses Deleted from Major but Not the Catalog

APL210 Characteristics of Languages in Culture 5QH
LAE 425 Literary Criticism and Interpretation 5QH

New Courses

LAE 304 Advanced Written Communication 5QH
LAE 413 Reading and Writing the Short Story 5QH
LAE 414 Writing and Reading Oral History 5QH

Revised Courses: Titles Changed

LAE 305 Advanced Studies in British Literature: Beginning to 1750 5QH
Formerly Major British Writers I: Beginnings to 1750

LAE 306 Advanced Studies in British Literature: 1750-1900 5QH
Formerly Major British Writers II: 1750-1900

LAE 405 Advanced Studies in American Literature: Beginning to 1900 5QH
Formerly American Writers I: Beginning to 1900: Selected Topics

LAE 406 Advanced Studies in American Literature: 1900-1950 5QH
Formerly American Writers II: 1900-1945

LAE 407 American Writers: 1945-1970 5QH
Formerly American Writers III: 1945-1970

LAE 460 Editing for Publishing 5 QH
Formerly Editing and Publishing the Small Journal

ENGLISH MAJOR (formerly called English Literature Major)

Core Required Courses 30QH

These courses are required for all English majors.

Course Code	Course Title	QH
LAE 305	Advanced Studies in British Literature: Beginning to 1750 <i>Formerly Major British Writers I: Beginnings to 1750</i>	5
LAE 306	Advanced Studies in British Literature: 1750-1900 <i>Formerly Major British Writers II: 1750-1900</i>	5
LAE 309 LAE 313 LAE 308	Minority Voices in American Literature OR Myth and Mythology OR World Literature	5
LAE 314	History of the English Language	5
LAE 434	Shakespeare and Elizabethan Drama	5
LAE 405	Advanced Studies in American Literature: Beginning to 1900 <i>Formerly American Writers I: Beginning to 1900: Selected Topics</i>	5

Literature Concentration or Writing Concentration

Students select a concentration for 30 hours. Students who plan to enter the M.S. in Written Communication program after earning the B.A. in English are strongly advised to take the Writing Concentration.

Literature Concentration

Select from the Following to Equal 30 QH

LAE 307	Literature for Children	5
LAE 309 OR LAE 313	Minority Voices in American Literature OR Myth and Mythology (whichever is not taken as a core course)	5
LAE 312 OR LAE 412	Poetry OR Introduction to Writing Poetry	5
LAE 406	Advanced Studies in American Literature: 1900-1945 <i>Formerly American Writers II: 1900-1945</i>	5
LAE 340	Literature for High School Teachers	5
LAE 499*	English Seminar	2-6
LAE 407 OR LAE 408	American Writers: 1945-1970 <i>Formerly American Writers III: 1945-1970</i> OR Contemporary American Literature: 1970 to the Present	5
LAE 410	Modern British Fiction: 1900-1950	5
LAE 416	Women's Lives into Literature	5
LAE 455	Latino Literature in the U.S.	5

*LAE 499: English Seminar covers changing topics, such as Dystopian Literature, the Works of Joyce Carol Oates, the Literary Uses of Metaphor. LAE 499 may therefore be taken three times for a total of six quarter hours, as long as no topic is taken more than once.

Writing Concentration 30QH
Select from the Following to Equal 30 QH

LAE 486B	Writers Week Workshop	2
LAE 304	Advanced Written Communication	5
LAE 412	Introduction to Writing Poetry	5
LAE 460	Editing for Publication <i>Formerly Editing and Publishing the Small Journal</i>	5
LAE 450	Fundamentals of Journalism	5
LAE 499*	English Seminar	2-6
LAE 413	Reading and Writing the Short Story;	5
LAE 414	Writing and Reading Oral History <i>New Course</i>	5
LAE 416	Women's Lives into Literature	5
LAE 465 OR LAE 495	Creative Writing: Humor OR English Special Topic	5

*LAE 499: English Seminar covers changing topics, such as Dystopian Literature, The Works of Joyce Carol Oates, or The Literary Uses of Metaphor. LAE 499 may therefore be taken three times for a total of six quarter hours, as long as no topic is taken more than once.

Electives: 55 QH

**For Students majoring in Elementary Education in the National College of Education
Concentration in English**

Second major

Twenty-five quarter hours must be upper level, and 15 quarter hours of the upper level courses must be taken at NLU.

General education composition and literature courses..... 15 QH

One literary period course: LAE 305, LAE 306, LAE405, LAE 406..... 5 QH

(LAE 407, LAE 408 and LAE 410 are deleted from the program listing here but not the listing of course descriptions in the catalog)

LAE 314: History of the English Language..... 5 QH

(APL 210 Characteristics of Languages in Culture 5QH deleted from program listing here but not the listing of course descriptions in the catalog)

Literature or Writing Electives..... 20 QH

(formerly called Literature or Composition electives)

TOTAL MINIMUM HOURS..... 45 QH

Minor

Fifteen quarter hours must be upper level and taken at NLU.

One literary period course: LAE 305, LAE 306, LAE405, LAE 406..... 5 QH

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LAE 314: History of the English Language..... 5 QH

(APL 210 Characteristics of Languages in Culture 5QH deleted from program listing here but not the listing of course descriptions in the catalog)

Literature or Writing Electives..... 20 QH

(formerly called Literature or Composition electives)

TOTAL MINIMUM HOURS..... 30 QH

Implementation

The revised B.A. in English, with the two concentrations, and the revised General Education requirements need to be entered in Banner and CAPP.

The changes to the Elementary Education major and minor (teaching concentration) in English need to be entered in Banner and CAPP.

Students will need careful advising. For example, a student who completes 3 courses from the menu of Literature Concentration courses and 3 courses from the menu of Writing Concentration courses would not fulfill the requirements for the degree.

The revised B.A. in English, with the two concentrations, and the revised General Education requirements need to be incorporated in marketing materials, and added to NLU's website.

The new catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog, 2009-2010.