

English, MA - Alternative Fifth Year Program for Class A Certification in English

This program is for people who have earned a bachelor's degree, and have now decided that they want to teach English in Alabama's public schools. At the end of this program, you will have both an M.A. in English and a recommendation for a Class A teaching certificate. You will also have sufficient coursework in English to teach Advanced Placement courses or lower-division English courses at the university level. If you have an undergraduate degree in English or Language Arts, you will probably not need to take additional coursework before being admitted to the program. Otherwise, you need to have undergraduate credits in speech, theatre, and/or journalism (at least two out of the three). You can take the relevant coursework during your first semesters as an M.A. student prior to applying for the Education certification. The M.A. program itself consists of 24 credit hours in English, of which 18 hours must be in literature; 24 hours of graduate Education courses; a 1-hour practicum in Education; and a 3- to 6-hour internship. You will need to complete a capstone project for this program, as the course requirements do not leave room for a thesis. We usually advise you to take the English component first, because in the event that you change your mind and decide against becoming certified, the English courses, unlike those in Education, will still lead toward an M. A. degree. The program generally requires 5 semesters to complete prior to the semester-long internship. Expect to work closely with both the Education College and the Director of English Graduate Studies (ehgrad@uah.edu) to be sure you are meeting all state-level requirements for teacher certification, as such requirements are subject to change.

You will also need to meet the additional requirements listed below.

Basic Requirements:

- 24 hours of coursework (or 8 courses). At least one-third of the hours you take toward your degree should be at the 600 level.
- At least 18 hours in your program should be courses in literature.
- You must complete all work toward your degree within 10 years of the first course you take. Courses taken between 6 and 10 years prior to your degree program completion date must be re-validated by departmental exams negotiated with the specific faculty member who has responsibility for that course; any graduate course more than 10 years old may not be used.
- Up to 9 hours of graduate work in English may be transferred from other institutions with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies. At least 9 hours in English courses numbered 500 or above must be completed here at UAH (exclusive of thesis hours).
- To be a full-time student, you will need to take a course load of 9 hours per semester. While you are permitted to take up to 13 semester hours per term, you should consult with the Director of English Graduate Studies (ehgrad@uah.edu) about doing so.
- You must maintain a 3.0 GPA in all courses taken at the graduate level. If in any semester your cumulative GPA falls below that 3.0 level, you will be placed on probation.

Additional English courses required:

| Code | Title | Semester Hours |
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| 600 level Literature Elective | | 3 |
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| 500 or 600 Literature Elective | | 3 |
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| EH 500 or EH 601 | COMPOSITION STUDIES TCHRS ACTION RESCH WRITING STUDIES | 3 |
| EHL 505 or EHL 507 | SURVEY OF GENERAL LINGUISTICS ADV ENGLISH GRAMMAR STUDIES | 3 |

Required Education courses:

| Code | Title | Semester Hours |
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| ED 520 | COMPUTER BASED INSTRUCT'L TECH | 3 |
| ED 521 | SECNDRY ELA INSTR WRIT TO READ | 3 |
| ED 530 | APPLIED MULTICULTURALISM | 3 |

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| ED 593 | ED EXCEPT CHILD & YOUTH | 3 |
| ED 604 | CONTRIBUTION PSY TO EDUC | 3 |
| ED 607 | EDU LEADER AS EVALUATOR | 3 |
| ED 608 | EXPAND RDG ABIL CONT AREA INST | 3 |
| ED 609 | CLASSROOM & BEHAVIOR MGMT | 3 |
| ED 698 | HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP | 6 |
| Total Semester Hours | | 30 |

In addition to the requirements for any applicant to our programs, the Department of Education has additional requirements. Because such requirements do shift regularly (and are outside UAH's control), students are advised to confirm with the Education Department that they meet the current requirements. However, at this time, students admitted to any of the programs that include teacher certification must have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.5.