

BS IN ENGLISH 4-8 ENGLISH, LANG. ARTS, READING CERTIFICATION

Required Admission into the Teacher Preparation Program

The Teacher Preparation Program at Texas A&M University-Texarkana is an approved educator preparation program through the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The program provides baccalaureate degrees for students pursuing teacher certification in Texas.

To become a certified Texas educator, candidates must:

- Gain admission to a TEA-approved Educator Preparation Program
- Complete all program requirements and graduate from the program
- Pass the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES)

Applications are accepted twice per year:

- **Spring Semester:** Applications due in February
- **Fall Semester:** Applications due in September

Admission Requirements

General Requirements

1. **Program Application:** Submit application through the Educator Portal
2. **Academic Standing:** Maintain an overall GPA of 2.70 or higher
3. **Assessment:** Pass a screening instrument (completed during ED 311 course)
4. **Content Area Requirements:** 12 semester credit hours from the specified content area

Educators who apply for certification are required to demonstrate English language proficiency by fulfilling one of the following requirements:

1. Completion of an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or one of its territories.
2. Verification of a minimum scaled score that falls within the High-Intermediate level in each section on the Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test (TOEFL-iBT).
3. An undergraduate or graduate degree that was earned at an institution of higher education in a country outside of the United States listed in the figure provided below.
4. A standard certificate issued by the department of education in another state where examinations for the certificate were taken and passed. Applicants must submit official test score reports along with the out-of-state standard certificate for the credentials review. EPP candidates must submit official score reports to the program.

Figure: 19 TAC §230.11(b)(5)(C) (<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/laws-and-rules/sbec-rules-tac/sbec-tac-currently-in-effect/19-230-0011-1.pdf>)

For more information, email education@tamut.edu.

Degree Requirements for English, Language Arts & Reading w/ 4-8 Teacher Certification

Students should refer to their DegreeWorks degree audit in their Web for Students account for more information regarding their degree requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
Major Requirements ⁶		
General Education Requirements (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/)		42
ENGL 1301	Composition I ¹⁰	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II ¹⁰	3
ENGL 2321	British Literature ¹⁰	3
ENGL 2326	American Literature ¹⁰	3
ENGL 2331	World Literature ¹⁰	3
ENGL 2340	Writing Across the Curriculum	3
ENGL 2360	Introduction to Literary Studies	3
ENG 305 or ENG 306	Children's Literature I Young Adult Literature	3
ENG 320	Modern English Grammar and Usage	3
ENG 345	Advanced Composition for Educators	3

ENG 410	Writing Processes & Strategies	3
ENG 424	History and Structure of the English Language	3
ENG 442	Advanced American Literature (EL)	3
ENG 445	Advanced World Literature	3
ENG 472	Advanced British Literature	3
ENG 491	Capstone in English Studies	3
Reading		
RDG 343	Content Area Literacy Instruction for Secondary Students	3
RDG 352	Comprehension and Written Expression for Upper Elementary Students	3
RDG 354	Assessment Driven Literacy Instruction ⁷	3
Select 3 semester credits of Upper Division English Electives (300-400 level)		3
Other Requirements		
BIOL 1308	Biology for Non-Science Majors I ¹⁰	3
BIOL 1108	Biology for Non-science Majors I Lab ¹⁰	1
BIOL 1309	Biology for Non-Science Majors II ¹⁰	3
BIOL 1109	Biology for Non-science Majors II Lab ¹⁰	1
PHYS 1415	Physical Science I	4
Electives (as needed to meet minimum degree requirements including 54 semester credit hours of upper division and overall hours)		
Professional Development		
ED 311	Growth and Development for EC-12 Grade	3
ED 321	Secondary School Methods	3
Block 1		
ED 331	Classroom and Behavior Management ⁸	3
ED 495	Clinical Experience I ⁸	3
Block 2		
ED 496	Clinical Experience II ⁹	3
SPED 418	Inclusion of Students with High Support Needs in the Content Areas	3
Electives (as needed to meet minimum degree requirements including 54 semester credit hours of upper division)		
Minimum Hours for Degree		120

⁶ Minimum grade of "C" required in all Major, Education and Professional Development Courses

⁷ Requires Admission to Teacher Prep Program

⁸ Requires successful placement interview with a partnership public school district

⁹ Requires passing all TExES exams

¹⁰ Satisfies Core Curriculum

NOTE: A minimum of 46 upper division hours (300 and 400 level courses) are required for this degree. Resident credit totaling 25% of the hours is required for the degree. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in three areas for graduation: Overall GPA, Institutional GPA, and Major GPA.

English 4-8 English, Lang. Arts, Reading Certification 4 Year Plan

First Year

Code	Title	Hours
		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
ENGL 1301	Composition I Minimum grade of 'C' required, satisfies (010) core curriculum	3
HIST 1301	United States History I satisfies (060) core curriculum	3
ENGL 2360	Introduction to Literary Studies Minimum grade of 'C' required	3
UNIV 1100	University Foundations	1
Mathematics Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/)		3
Select one of the following for the Creative Arts Core Curriculum Requirement: ^{minimum grade of 'C' required}		3
ENGL 2321	British Literature	

ENGL 2326	American Literature	
ENGL 2331	World Literature	
Fall Total Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		Semester Credit Hours
ENGL 1302	Composition II <small>Minimum grade of 'C' required, satisfies core curriculum</small>	3
HIST 1302	United States History II <small>satisfies core curriculum</small>	3
MCOM 1307 or SPCH 1315	Introduction to Mass Communication <small>satisfies core curriculum</small> Public Speaking	3
Language, Philosophy and Culture Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/)		3
Select one of the following for the Component Area Core Curriculum Requirement: <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>		3
ENGL 2321	British Literature	
ENGL 2326	American Literature	
ENGL 2331	World Literature	
Spring Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Total First Year Semester Credit Hours		31

Second Year

Code	Title	Hours
		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
BIOL 1308	Biology for Non-Science Majors I <small>satisfies core curriculum</small>	3
BIOL 1108	Biology for Non-science Majors I Lab <small>satisfies core curriculum</small>	1
PSCI 2305	U.S. Government and Politics	3
ENGL 2340 or ENGL 2321	Writing Across the Curriculum <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small> British Literature <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
ENGL 2326 or ENGL 2331	American Literature World Literature	
Social and Behavioral Science Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/)		3
Fall Total Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		Semester Credit Hours
BIOL 1309	Biology for Non-Science Majors II <small>satisfies core curriculum</small>	3
BIOL 1109	Biology for Non-science Majors II Lab <small>satisfies core curriculum</small>	1
PSCI 2306	State and Local Government	3
ENG 345 or ENG 305	Advanced Composition for Educators <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small> Children's Literature I <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
ENG 306	Young Adult Literature	
Electives as needed to satisfy minimum degree requirements including 54 semester credit hours of upper division coursework or total semester credit hours		3
Spring Total Semester Credit Hours		16
Total Second Year Semester Credit Hours		32

Third Year

Code	Title	Hours
		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
ENG 320	Modern English Grammar and Usage <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3

ENG 410	Writing Processes & Strategies	3
ENG 442	Advanced American Literature (EL) <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
PHYS 1415	Physical Science I <small>satisfies core curriculum</small>	4
ED 311	Growth and Development for EC-12 Grade <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
Fall Total Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		Semester Credit Hours
RDG 343	Content Area Literacy Instruction for Secondary Students	3
ENG 424	History and Structure of the English Language <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
ENG 445	Advanced World Literature <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
ED 321	Secondary School Methods <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
Spring Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring Total Semester Credit Hours		12
RDG 352	Comprehension and Written Expression for Upper Elementary Students <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
RDG 354	Assessment Driven Literacy Instruction <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
Summer Total Semester Credit Hours		6
Third Year Total Semester Credit Hours		34

Fourth Year

Code	Title	Hours
		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
ED 495	Clinical Experience I <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
ED 331	Classroom and Behavior Management <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
ENG 472	Advanced British Literature <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
ENG 491	Capstone in English Studies <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
3sch Upper Division English Elective	300-400 level	3
Fall Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		Semester Credit Hours
ED 496	Clinical Experience II <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
SPED 418	Inclusion of Students with High Support Needs in the Content Areas <small>minimum grade of 'C' required</small>	3
Electives as needed to satisfy minimum degree requirements including 54 semester credit hours of upper division coursework or total semester credit hours		2
Spring Total Semester Credit Hours		8
Year Four Total Semester Credit Hours		23
Minimum Hours for Degree		120

NOTE: Minimum grade of "C" required for all Major, ED, SPED, RDG and Professional Development courses.

NOTE: A minimum of 46 upper division hours (300 and 400 level courses) are required for this degree. Resident credit totaling 25% of the hours is required for the degree. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in three areas for graduation: Overall GPA, Institutional GPA, and Major GPA.