The English education program is led by renowned faculty in the field who specialize in the teaching and research of secondary reading and writing practices. The program benefits from its links to the ASU-based Central Arizona Writing Project, a site of the National Writing Project, and offers coursework, research, community outreach and teacher in-service programs.

Program Description

**Degree Awarded: PHD English (English Education)**

The PhD program in English with a concentration in English education prepares students to examine the writing and reading practices of secondary students as well as the instructional practices of secondary English language arts teachers by emphasizing the relationship between pedagogy and research methodologies used to study the teaching of secondary English.

Possible areas for research focus within this program include young adult literature, secondary reading and writing practices, new literacies, English language learning, critical literacy, and secondary English language arts curriculum and instruction development. The program encourages students to pursue coursework in other subdisciplines within the Department of English (such as rhetoric and composition, applied linguistics and literature) and coursework in the ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College (such as literacy and educational research methodology). The program prepares students to become professors of English education or to pursue other relevant opportunities in research and administration.

At a Glance

- **College/School**: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location**: Tempe campus

Degree Requirements
84 credit hours, a written comprehensive exam, an oral comprehensive exam, a prospectus and a dissertation

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**  
ENG 501 Approaches to Research (3)

**Foundational Distribution (12 credit hours)**

**Advanced Studies Distribution (12 credit hours)**

**Internships (9 credit hours)**  
ENG 784 Internship (9)

**Specialization (6 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (12 credit hours)**  
ENG 799 Dissertation (12)

**Additional Curriculum Information**  
Students must take 12 credit hours at the 500 level, selected from a list of approved courses in education, English, linguistics and applied linguistics for the foundational distribution.

Students must take at least two courses in the area of specialization.

When approved by the student's supervisory committee and the Graduate College, this program allows 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree to be used for this degree. If not approved, the 30 credit hours of coursework will be made up of electives and research.

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**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's and master's degree from a regionally accredited institution. Applicants with master's degrees in English education and related fields, such as English literature, applied linguistics, education, and rhetoric and composition, will be considered. A minimum of three years of full-time teaching or volunteer work in secondary English language arts classrooms or in literate-rich settings is required.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00= "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.50 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00= "A") in an applicable master's degree program.
All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. statement of purpose
4. resume or curriculum vitae
5. three letters of recommendation
6. academic writing sample
7. GRE general test scores
8. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency. Applicants should see the Department of English website for specific details about English proficiency requirements.

The one- to two-page statement should explain the applicant's interest in the program and how the applicant's background and preparation led to the specific career and research goals. The three letters of recommendation should be from individuals familiar with the applicant's promise in English education, including one letter from a school principal and two letters from university professors. Applicants applying for funding must also submit a statement of teaching philosophy.

Applicants should see the Department of English website for specific details.

Application Deadlines

Fall

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Admission Deadlines