

# Department of British and American Language and Literature

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## What is British and American Language and Literature?

British and American Language and Literature is a major which deals with all subjects concerning the English language and literature of the United States and England. Language- and literature-related courses help maximize the English language competency of its students and broaden their perspectives on linguistics and literature so that they are prepared to enter the competitive international community as experts and leaders.

## British and American Language and Literature at Kyung Hee

The Major in British and American Language and Literature offers courses in English literature, linguistics, and British and American culture. By providing practical language education along with studies in literature and linguistics, it aims to train students to become highly competent English speakers and assume leadership in today's global society. In addition, it is our aim to help students better understand the cultures in the wider English-speaking world and ultimately to advance Korea's own culture. To meet these goals, students are offered courses in 1) Practical English, 2) English linguistics, 3) English literature, and 4) Cultures of the English-speaking world. Practical English language education courses include English discussion, composition, and reading courses as well as translation and professional English courses. The Linguistics component offers courses related to English grammar, structure, and pronunciation. English literature courses cover core topics in the English novel, poetry, drama, and history of literature. Cultures of the English-speaking world include courses introducing the history and popular culture of English-speaking countries.

## Degree Requirements

To receive the Bachelor of Arts in British and American Language and Literature, a student must:

- complete a minimum of 130 credit units.
- complete 9 units of Essential General Subjects of Kyung Hee University in the areas of foreign language and computer (6 credits of College English: Special English Lecture 1 and Special English Lecture 2; 3 credits of Language and Computer, a course offered by the Department of Korean as Essential General Subject of the College of Foreign Languages and Literature).
  - ※ Requirement for the area of computer can be exempted with the acquisition of certificates issued by publicly acknowledged computation institutions.
- complete 9 credits of the General Studies of the College of Foreign Language and Literature (2 courses from the General Subjects of the College and one from the courses of Each Country's History and Culture).
- complete 36 units of Major Courses for English: 12 credits of Required Courses and 24 credits of Elective Courses.
- Students who study English as a minor have to take at least 21 credits of major courses.
- Students must meet the requirements of minimum English competency [TOEFL score of 520 (PBT) or 190 (CBT) or TOEIC score of 720 or TEPS score of 620].

## Courses

### Year 1

Speech and Discussion 1, English Grammar, Introduction to English Literature, Introduction to Cultural Studies, Introduction to English Linguistics

## Year 2

Critical Reading and Writing 1, Speech and Discussion 2, Understanding English Poetry, English Essay, Understanding English Pronunciation, Essays on English Linguistics, Advanced English Reading, Modern British-American Plays, British Novels, American Novels

## Year 3

A History of English Literature, A History of American Literature, Contemporary English Grammar, Shakespeare, Special Lecture on English Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Understanding English Education, English Teaching Method

## Year 4

English Translation and Interpretation 1, English Translation and Interpretation 2, Business English, Literary Criticism, Special Lecture on British-American Literature

## Careers and Graduate Destinations

Our students have a variety of choices for their career such as English teachers at every level of education ranging from kindergarten to high school and college if they pursue advanced degrees after graduation in the future. Newspaper reporters, literary critics as well as journalists for magazines and broadcasting companies are other possible careers open to them. They can also work as simultaneous interpreters or work translating books. Since English is highly demanded, the prospect for our students' job hunting is very promising, unaffected by the fluctuating employment rate of our country.

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