

English Language and Linguistics

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What is English Language and Linguistics?

English linguistics is the scientific study of the English language. Modern linguistic theory aims to understand the nature of the human knowledge of language. It does this through careful examination of the forms and structures found in natural language. English linguistics tries to answer this question focusing on the study of English.

Would you like your studies to put you at the center of the intellectual universe? Are you interested in solving puzzles? Do you find it difficult to decide between the Arts and the Sciences? Would you like to understand how the human mind works? Do you find languages fascinating? If you answered 'yes' to any (or all!) of these questions, perhaps you should think about studying English linguistics.

English Language and Linguistics at Kyung Hee

The English Language and Linguistics major is designed to give students a basic understanding of the core areas of English Language and Linguistics: phonetics and phonology, syntax, semantics pragmatics, discourse, sociolinguistics, language acquisition, language teaching, and computational linguistics. Building on this foundation, it is intended that students will be able to tailor the program to meet their personal English linguistic interests either by focusing on one particular area, or by diversifying into other branches.

Degree Requirements

To receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature, a student must:

- complete a minimum total of 130 credit units.
- satisfy the General Requirements of the School for professional degrees.
- complete 18 units of Major-required Courses offered by the School of General Education.
- complete 48 units or more of Elective Courses offered by the English Literature Program.
- complete 29 units or more of General Education Courses designated and specified by the School of General Education.
- acquire a minimum English proficiency test score (TOEIC 850; TOEFL IBT 92; TOEFL CBT 237) or pass the graduate exam provided by the program.

Courses

The major gives students an education in various aspects of English. At the core are courses about sounds (phonetics and phonology), word formation (morphology), sentence structure (syntax), meaning (semantics and pragmatics) and the history of English. You will also be given the opportunity to explore other themes, such as language acquisition, language processing, language teaching, computational linguistics.

Careers and Graduate Destinations

The future for English linguistics majors is promising. Many jobs related to the humanities are available for graduates with proficiency in English: journalist, TV producer, manager, C.E.O., translator, writer, English teacher, college professor, and diverse jobs in such fields as cultural studies, fiction, criticism, poetry, drama, performance, and film studies.

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