

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY,  
BAKERSFIELD**

**THE ENGLISH MAJOR WITH  
CREDENTIAL EMPHASIS  
(EMCE)**

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**A HANDBOOK**

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## GENERAL OVERVIEW

The English Major with Credential Emphasis (EMCE) is a state-approved program that permits immediate entry into the Single Subject Credential Program by satisfying the required subject-matter competency requirements in English as specified by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). The program includes courses in major authors, periods, genres, and language, as well as teaching practices and pedagogy.

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## PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

### LINGUISTICS

**Linguistic Description:** Students will be able to describe the grammar of English.

### COMPOSITION

**Writing Conventions:** Students will be able to compose texts that conform to the conventions of a particular genre as well as the rules of standard written English.

**Expository Writing:** Students will be able to compose expository essays that demonstrate cohesion and clarity.

### LITERATURE

**Literary Analysis:** Students will be able to analyze literary texts using evidence from the primary texts themselves.

**Applying Critical Theory:** Students will be able to apply specific critical approaches to literary works.

**Researching Criticism:** Students will be able to survey the existing criticism on any literary text.

**Creative Writing:** Students will be able to compose poetry, fiction, or drama.

### PEDAGOGY

**Theoretical Foundations:** Students will be able to describe theoretical foundations essential to teaching and learning in the high school English Language Arts classroom.

**Pedagogical Skills:** Students will be able to assess pedagogical skills essential to teaching and learning in the high school English Language Arts classroom.

## GETTING INTO THE EMCE PROGRAM

### TRANSFERRING FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The following schools offer the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) in English. Please visit their websites to learn more about their programs:

[Bakersfield College](#)

[Cerro Coso Community College](#)

[Porterville College](#)

[Taft College](#)

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

All CSU applications must be submitted online at [www.calstate.edu/apply](http://www.calstate.edu/apply). Visitors to this site can find specific information for the application procedures for Freshman, Transfer, Graduate, and International students, as well as for those seeking a Teacher Credential. This site also contains a link to Application Dates and Deadlines, as well as a link to the CSU Applicant Help Center for additional resources.

Detailed information on Application Procedures and Policies can also be found at <https://catalog.csub.edu/policies-procedures/admissions-requirements-procedures-policies/>.

Requirements for admission to CSU Bakersfield are in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations. Complete information is available at [www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu).

### FRESHMAN APPLICATION CHECKLIST

When you're ready to begin your application to the CSU, be sure to have these items on hand:

- ☐ **Unofficial transcripts (both high school and college transcripts, if applicable):** You'll be asked to enter all the courses you've completed on your CSU application; those that are currently in progress; and any you plan to take. Transcripts will be requested by campuses as needed.
- ☐ **Your Social Security number**, if you have one.
- ☐ **Your citizenship status**
- ☐ **Credit card or PayPal account:** Application fees are due at time of submission.
- ☐ **Annual income:** Your parents' if you are a dependent; your income if you are independent.
- ☐ **Educational Program, Work and Extracurricular Participation information:** You will need to provide the years you participated in college preparation programs and your average number of hours per week of work and/or participation in extracurricular activities.
- ☐ **Information needed to apply to EOP (if applying):** See the Apply to [Educational Opportunity Program \(EOP\)](#) website for information about materials needed to complete the optional EOP application.
- ☐ **Test scores:** Optional; if you have taken or plan to take the ACT, SAT, AP, IB exams, you may include the information on the application. Reporting test scores is not required. SAT and ACT scores will not be used for determining who gets admitted into the CSU. If you are accepted, the campus will use official test scores for placement into mathematics and English courses.
- ☐ **California statewide student ID:** Optional; every K-12 student in a California public school is assigned an ID number. The number should be printed on your transcript.

## TRANSFER STUDENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

When you're ready to begin the application to the CSU, be sure to have these items on hand:

- ☐ **Unofficial Transcripts:** You'll be asked to enter all the courses you've completed on your CSU application; those that are currently in progress; and any you plan to take. Transcripts will be requested by campuses as needed.
- ☐ **Your Social Security number**, if you have one.
- ☐ **Your citizenship status**
- ☐ **A method of payment:** You can pay the application fee by credit card.
- ☐ **Annual income:** Your parents' if you are a dependent; your income if you are independent.
- ☐ **CCCID and Campus ID:** Optional; every California Community College student is assigned a CCCID and a campus-specific ID number. These numbers should be printed on your transcript.
- ☐ **Your parents' employment background and two recommendations:** Applies only if you're applying to EOP.

## GETTING THROUGH THE EMCE PROGRAM

### ADVISING

The faculty and staff in the Department of English are ready to advise and mentor you as you pursue your degree with us. We can help you choose your required classes and electives, discuss your academic interests, and work with you as you consider your future career. You can talk to any professor you like. Just contact them after class or through email, and they will make time for you.

As you plan your schedule each semester, the first place to start is the College of Arts & Humanities Student Center. Each term, make an appointment through the link below. The advisors will review the courses being offered, assist as you set up your schedule, update your concentration outline, and help you when it comes time to apply for graduation. They work closely with the department chair to make sure you are moving toward graduation in a timely fashion.

For complete information on the College of Art & Humanities Student Center, including hours of operation and contact information, visit [www.csub.edu/ah/studentcenter](http://www.csub.edu/ah/studentcenter). To make an appointment to see a College of Arts & Humanities Student Center Advisor, visit [www.csub.edu/ah/making-appointment](http://www.csub.edu/ah/making-appointment). For specific advising related to the English Major with Credential Emphasis (EMCE), contact Dr. Dan Stockwell at [dstockwell@csub.edu](mailto:dstockwell@csub.edu).

### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BA IN ENGLISH: ENGLISH MAJOR WITH CREDENTIAL EMPHASIS

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) has authorized CSUB to offer a single-subject preparation program in English Language Arts for students who wish to teach in California secondary schools. To prepare prospective teachers according to the state-adopted English Language Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools and the Reading Language Arts Framework for California Public Schools, EMCE candidates must take all of the following requirements:

#### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (38 UNITS)

First-Year Seminar (FYS); Lower Division Area A: Foundational Skills; Lower Division Area B: Natural Sciences; Lower Division Area C: Arts and Humanities; Lower Division Area D: Social and Behavioral Sciences; Lower Division Area E: Student Enrichment and Lifelong Learning (SELF)<sup>1</sup>; Lower Division Area F: Ethnic Studies; American Institutions: Government and History; Junior Year Diversity & Reflection (JYRD); Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)<sup>1</sup>; Upper Division Thematic Area B and D; General Education Capstone<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> The SELF requirement may double count with B, C, or D. Students are waived from UDC area of their program. Capstone may be satisfied within the senior seminar.

## EMCE PROGRAM CORE REQUIREMENTS (64 UNITS)

### LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (22 units)

ENGL 1109: Writing and Research; COMM 1008: Strategies of Public Communication or THTR 1009: The Art of Presentation; ENGL 2010: The English Major/Credential Emphasis; ENGL 2208: American Literature Survey I; ENGL 2210: American Literature Survey II; ENGL 2220: Ethnic-Minority American Literature; ENGL 2308: British Literature Survey I; ENGL 2310: British Literature Survey II.

### UPPER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (42 units)

ENGL 3000: Critical Approaches to Literature; ENGL 3010: Teaching High School English Language Arts I; ENGL 3020: Teaching High School English Language Arts II; ENGL 3119: Advanced Writing; ENGL 3248: Ethnic Literature; ENGL 3330: Shakespeare; ENGL 3420: World Mythology; ENGL 3430: Selected Readings in Western & Non-Western Literature; ENGL 4100: Teaching Creative Writing for High School English Language Arts; ENGL 4430: The Young Adult Novel; ENGL 3610: General Linguistics or ENGL 4650: History of the Language; ENGL 3640: Second Language Writing or ENGL 3650: Theories of Language Acquisition; THTR 3320: Applied Dramatic Activity for the Classroom; ENGL 4918: Senior Seminar for Prospective Teachers.

### EMCE PROGRAM EXTENDED STUDIES (Optional)

**Literature of Diversity:** ENGL 2220, 3220, 3230, 3248, 3250, and ENGL 4708 and/or 4710 when course content is appropriate.

2. **World Literature and Mythology:** ENGL 2409, 3268, 3400, 3420, 3430, 3440, and ENGL 4708 and/or 4710 when course content is appropriate.

3. **Genre:** ENGL 4510 or 4708 or 4710.

### EMCE Program Extended Studies (Optional)

Theatre Specialization

Journalism Specialization

### CREDENTIAL PROGRAM FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (12 units)

Must be completed with a grade of “C” or better

EDTE 3000: Introduction to Education (45 hours fieldwork)

EDTE 3308: Sociocultural Foundations of Education

EDTE 4100: Teaching English Language & Special Populations

EDTE 4200: Teaching for Educators

Printable and fillable copies of the 2024-2025 EMCE Graduation Outline can be found at:

<https://www.csub.edu/english/degrees/major-credential-emphasis.shtml>

## PROGRAM MAP AND COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

For Program Map information for the English Major with Credential Emphasis (EMCE), visit the following webpage:

- [Program Map for the English Major with Credential Emphasis \(EMCE\)](#)

For a copy of English Course Descriptions, visit the following webpage:

- [2024-2025 Academic Catalog Course Descriptions](#)

## MINORS

The English Department offers the following minors:

### **Minor in English Literature**

The minimum requirements for a minor in English Literature are four (4) courses in English literature totaling 12 semester units, at the 2000 level or above, at least three of which must be upper division. Courses that satisfy the GWAR, or courses in Linguistics or Children's Literature, do not count towards the minor in English Literature.

### **Minor in Linguistics**

The minor in Linguistics is especially useful for elementary and secondary teachers and for those interested in English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction. It consists of four three-unit courses: ENGL 3610 and three additional upper-division linguistics courses from the following: ENGL 3640, ENGL 3650, ENGL 4648, ENGL 4650.

### **Minor in Children's Literature**

The minor in Children's Literature indicates the completion of specialized study in children's and young adult literature. The following four courses totaling 12 semester units are required: ENGL 4410, ENGL 4420, ENGL 4430, and ENGL 4440.

## FINISHING THE EMCE PROGRAM

### **APPLYING FOR GRADUATION**

All students must apply online for graduation, which will initiate the graduation evaluation process. As an undergraduate student, once you have completed 84 semester units, a link to apply online for graduation will be available on your MyCSUB Student Center. In addition, you will receive an email notification that you may be eligible to apply for graduation.

Before applying for graduation, you should review your academic requirements with your academic advisor. You should confirm that you are within two semesters of completing all remaining graduation requirements.

Detailed information on application deadlines and online application procedures, as well as graduation checklists, can be found at [www.csub.edu/registrar/graduation](http://www.csub.edu/registrar/graduation).

The Single Subject Credential Program, offered through the Teacher Education Department, prepares candidates to teach in a specific subject in departmentalized classes as generally found in middle schools and high schools, such as seen in grades 6-12.

CSUB's teacher credentialing preparation programs are accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and are a member in good standing of the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP), a national accrediting organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. For more detailed information on CSUB's Single Subject Credential Program, visit the Teacher Education Department's webpage at [www.csub.edu/teachereducation](http://www.csub.edu/teachereducation).

Please contact the Student Center for the College of Arts and Humanities at [arts.humanities@csub.edu](mailto:arts.humanities@csub.edu) to inquire about your single subject waiver (subject matter competency).

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**English Club:** Students majoring or minoring in English are welcome to meet in an informal setting to discuss literature, language, classes, and all other aspects of campus life. Meetings are generally held every other Friday afternoon.

**Sigma Tau Delta:** The English Department is home to the Xi Tau Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, an international honor society for English majors and minors. Juniors, seniors, and graduate students are encouraged to apply.

### PUBLICATIONS

**Calliope:** *Calliope* is an academic journal produced annually that publishes literary criticism, scholarship, and book reviews written by students at CSUB. The editorial team is faculty advised but composed of students, who learn publishing practices and oversee every step of review, layout, and production.

**Orpheus:** *Orpheus* is a literary journal published annually to encourage creative writing and artistic thinking among the students of CSUB. The editorial team is faculty advised, but composed of a student body, which oversees every step of production.

### HONORS AND AWARDS

**Sigma Tau Delta Creative Writing Awards:** The Sigma Tau Delta Creative Writing Awards are presented annually to honor the creative work of CSUB students.

**The Li'i Pearl Outstanding Student in English Award:** *The Pearl Prize* honors a student who has made a special contribution to the department, the school, the university, and/or the community at large and who serves as a "proud representative" of the department.

### EVENTS

**The California Writers Series:** Each year the English Department sponsors two or more readings by poets and fiction writers living and working in California.

**The Lectures in Language and Linguistics:** The L3 series aims to bring a California-based linguist and/or language expert to CSUB's campus every semester to speak on a given topic and meet with students and faculty.



## KEY CONTACTS

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