

English

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The Department of English is dedicated to the advanced study of literature and language as dynamic fields that shape and are shaped by cultural, historical, and social forces. Through its two undergraduate programs—one in English Literature and the other in English Language Studies—the department offers students a rigorous academic foundation in literary analysis, language theory, and critical inquiry and prepares them to become reflective, articulate, and informed individuals equipped with strong analytical, linguistic, and communicative skills.

The Language Studies program focuses not on English language proficiency but on the academic and applied study of language as a complex social and cultural phenomenon. Courses explore topics such as sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, language and power, intercultural communication, language and gender, amongst many others. Students are encouraged to examine how language functions in diverse contexts, how it shapes social identities and relations, and how it reflects and reinforces systems of ideology and power.

The Literature program introduces students to a wide range of literary traditions, with an emphasis on British literature alongside significant engagement with American and world literature. It fosters a deep appreciation of textual, cultural, and historical contexts, encouraging students to think critically about narratives, aesthetics, identity, and representation.

Together, the two programs cultivate intellectual curiosity, analytical rigor, and ethical reflection, equipping students with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate and contribute meaningfully to academic, professional, and global communities. In alignment with the university's broader mission, the Department of English actively promotes community engagement, undergraduate research, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Faculty and students participate in outreach initiatives, workshops, and partnerships that address pressing social, educational, and cultural issues through the lens of language and literature. The department encourages students to pursue research projects that connect theory with lived experiences, and to explore intersections with fields such as education, sociology, history, media studies, and gender studies. By fostering a learning environment that values dialogue across disciplines and communities, the department prepares students to become thoughtful scholars, engaged citizens, and responsible professionals committed to making meaningful contributions beyond the university.

To earn a B.A. in English Literature or English Language studies, students have to complete a minimum of 94 credits of university and major requirements. Students of either major may choose to earn a Normal Diploma (Teaching Diploma) in teaching English offered by the Education Department. If they choose to earn a teaching diploma, they need to take the requirements set by the Education Department. In this case, the students must complete a total of 112 credits. A cumulative average of at least 70% is required for both majors.

Graduate Skills

Graduates of the B.A. in English Literature

Students graduating from the Literature program develop a rich set of intellectual and transferable skills that prepare them for diverse academic and professional paths. These include:

- Advanced skills in literary analysis and critical thinking
- Strong written and verbal communication across genres and audiences
- Intercultural competence through engagement with global literary traditions
- Ethical reasoning and sensitivity to social, cultural, and historical contexts
- The ability to conduct independent and collaborative research
- Proficiency in using digital and AI-enhanced tools for research, writing, and textual analysis
- Effective collaboration in group discussions, projects, and presentations

Graduates are equipped to pursue careers in education, cultural institutions, publishing, media, writing, and graduate studies in the humanities and related fields.

Graduates of the B.A. in English Language

Students completing the Language Studies program gain a solid foundation in the academic and applied study of language, supported by contemporary methodologies and tools. Key graduate skills include:

- Theoretical and practical understanding of language structure, use, and diversity
- Expertise in areas such as sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, and intercultural communication
- Critical awareness of the relationship between language, power, identity, culture, and media
- The ability to design, analyze, and communicate research related to language in context
- Competence in working collaboratively on data-driven projects and language-based inquiry

- Confidence in using digital platforms and AI tools for discourse analysis, transcription, and applied linguistics tasks
- Clear and purposeful communication in academic, professional, and cross-cultural settings

Graduates are well-prepared for roles in education, language policy, communication, research, and further study in linguistics, TESOL, media, and social sciences.

Minor in Language Studies or Literature

The Department of English offers two minors—one in Literature and one in Language Studies—open to all students enrolled at the university, regardless of their major. Each minor requires the completion of 18 credits.

Students minoring in Language Studies have the flexibility to choose six courses that best align with their academic or professional interests from the following list: ENG 203, 204, 226, 227, 228, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, and 242.

Students who opt for a Literature Minor are required to complete the following six courses: ENG 205A, 206, 207, 213, 215, and 220. This minor offers students the opportunity to engage with a wide range of literary texts and traditions, enhancing their interpretive skills and deepening their understanding of historical, cultural, and aesthetic contexts.

Pursuing a minor in the Department of English adds significant value to any degree. It enhances students' critical thinking, writing, and analytical abilities, all of which are highly transferable and valued across professions. Whether students are interested in education, communication, business, the arts, or social sciences, a minor in Literature or Language Studies can broaden their intellectual horizons and prepare them for interdisciplinary and globally informed careers.

For more information, please refer to the Minors section of the university catalog.

Communication Skills

The Department also offers a Communication Skills Program consisting of three courses designed to support students across all majors in developing the academic reading and writing competencies essential for success in university-level coursework. Sophomore students who meet the university's English proficiency admission requirements are required to take two core courses—ENG 201 and ENG 202—which focus on critical reading, academic writing, and research-based writing applicable across disciplines. Students in the Business program take an additional course, ENG 248: Business Communication, which prepares them for effective communication and professional writing in business contexts. Students whose placement test results indicate a need for further preparation in academic writing begin with a foundational course, ENG 109, designed to strengthen their skills before progressing to the core sequence.

The Communication skills program equips students with strong academic and professional communication skills. These include critical reading and writing, oral presentation, argumentation, and research writing using APA and IMRAD formats. Students gain proficiency in evaluating sources, integrating AI tools ethically, and distinguishing factual from generated content. In business communication, they learn to analyze real-world scenarios, produce audience-appropriate documents, and present data-driven projects. The program emphasizes AI literacy, digital communication, and critical thinking across academic and professional contexts.

Intensive English

The Intensive English course ENG 009 is designed for applicants to Haigazian University who are academically qualified to join the university but lack the required admission English proficiency level. Classes meet ten hours a week where students develop reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar skills, and use of AI tools.

English 009 prepares students for academic study by building core language competencies in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and grammar. The course fosters independent learning through structured in-class and out-of-class practice. Students are introduced to AI-powered tools and guided in their critical and ethical use to support language development and academic readiness.

Students with a TOEFL score of 450- 524 can take ENG 009.

General Education (30 cr.)

Core requirements for all HU students are listed on page 60.

WRN 200 Work Ready Now 3 cr.

I . Communication Skills

These consist of required University program courses in English dealing with academic reading, writing, and speaking skills. The courses must be taken in sequence. A grade of 70% minimum in each of ENG 201 and 202 is required of all English majors.

II . BA in Language 48 credits

1- Required Courses :(Language) (27 cr.)

ENG 203 Modern English Grammar	3 cr.
ENG 204 Advanced Academic Writing	3 cr.
ENG 226 Introduction to Linguistics	3 cr.
ENG 227 History of the English Language	3 cr.
ENG 228 Phonetics	3 cr.
ENG 236 Language in Society	3 cr.
ENG 237 Gender and Language	3 cr.
ENG 238 Discourse Analysis	3 cr.
ENG 296 Language Senior Seminar	3 cr.

2- Required Electives (Language) (9 cr.)

3 English language courses in the Department.

3- Required Courses (Literature) (12 cr.)

ENG 205A Introduction to Literature	3 cr.
ENG 207 Survey of English Literature II	3 cr.
ENG 215 18th Century Novel	3 cr.
ENG 220 Survey of American Literature	3 cr.

III. BA in Literature (48 cr.)

1- Required Courses: (Literature) (27 cr.)

ENG 205A Introduction to Literature	3 cr.
ENG 206 Survey of English Literature I	3 cr.
ENG 207 Survey of English Literature II	3 cr.
ENG 209 Shakespeare	3 cr.
ENG 213 Introduction to Drama	3 cr.
ENG 215 18th Century Novel	3 cr.
ENG 220 Survey of American Literature	3 cr.
ENG 224 Literary Criticism	3 cr.
ENG 295 Literature Senior Seminar	3 cr.

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