Mirabeau B. Lamar, the father of public education in Texas and second president of the Republic of Texas, is honored with this bust located in the campus quadrangle.

Fine arts: three semester hours from art, humanities, music, or theater
Speech: three semester hours
Mathematics: three semester hours at or above the level of college algebra and three more in mathematics or quantitative data analysis
Laboratory science: eight semester hours in the same science
Physical education: two semesters of activity courses and three semester hours of health and wellness

B. Major:
Two options are available, one emphasizing literature, the other emphasizing writing.
Advanced American literature: six semester hours.
Advanced British and world literature: twelve semester hours.
English 430 or 4312
English advanced elective: three semester hours.
One may substitute nine hours of writing courses (drawn from English 230, 331, 335, 4326, 4345, and 4355) for nine of the 21 advanced literature and elective hours. See "Writing Programs" below.

C. Minor:
An approved minor of 18 semester hours, including at least six semester hours in advanced courses. A student electing the literature option for the English major may also select a writing minor. Marketable minors in areas such as business or computer science are encouraged.

D. Sufficient approved electives to complete a total of 120 semester hours not including activity and health and wellness courses.

Writing Programs: Technical and Creative

Students from any academic discipline who wish to better prepare themselves for employment in business, the professions, or government service may be interested in the technical writing program offered by the department. This program emphasizes mastery of written communication skills, particularly those required in the authoring and editing of reports, proposals, manuals, news releases and other documents. Hands-on experience producing such documents on microcomputer is offered. Course work in this technical writing program should complement virtually any major. Students completing a nine-hour sequence (Eng 230, 331, and 4355 ordinarily) will earn a certificate in the technical writing concentration. See the Chair of the Department of English and Foreign Languages.

Students interested in the craft of creative writing are encouraged to pursue their interest by completing the nine-hour sequence in creative writing, which includes Eng 335 (poetry), Eng 335 (fiction), and 4345 (advanced seminar). Students completing this sequence will earn a certificate in the creative writing concentration.

The department is a member of the Associated Writing Programs and is registered in the AWP Official Guide.

Teacher Certification - English

Students wishing to certify for a provisional certificate-secondary with English as the primary teaching field should major in the Department of English Foreign Languages and receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with certification. They may choose one of three options: Option 1 requires 30 hours of English and a twelve-hour supporting field but no second teaching field; Option 2 requires 24 hours of English and an approved 24-hour second teaching field; Option 4 requires 42 hours of English, communications, and reading and no second teaching field (English Language Arts). NOTE: All semester

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