SECONDARY ENGLISH CERTIFICATION OPTION

Required Courses
Select two of the following linguistics courses: 3
- ENG 230 Introduction to Linguistics
- LIN 501 Introduction to Linguistics
- ENG 331 Structure of Modern English
- ENG 575 Structure Of Modern English

Complete the following advanced method courses:
- ENG 390 Teaching English in Secondary Schools 3
- ENG 392 Writing and Teaching Writing Secondary English 3

Advanced English Courses 1
Select one course in literary theory (e.g., ENG 296 or ENG 501) 3
Select one course in British literature 3
Select one course in American literature 3
Select one course in world literature 3
Select one course in literature for young adults (e.g., LIT 398 or ENG 593; prereq: literary theory) 3
Select a course that theorizes teaching (e.g., ENG 506, ENG 595, ENG 596, ENG 600, ENG 671) 3
Select one course in reading texts rhetorically ("The Rhetoric[s] of...") 3
Select one composition and rhetoric elective 3
Select one English elective 3

Total Credits Required 36

1 "Advanced" means courses determined to be upper-level undergraduate or graduate courses. At West Chester, the courses that qualify are numbered in the 300s, 400s, 500s, or 600s.

Notes
- Students must attain a GPA of 3.0 to student teach and have a GPA of 3.0 at the conclusion of their program.
- Students should be formally admitted to the teacher certification program and should have taken ENG 230, ENG 331, EDM 300, EDP 351, and EDS 306 before taking the advanced methods courses (ENG 390, ENG 392). "Formal admission" means that students have met the requirements to do advanced study in a teacher education program. To be formally admitted, students must pass all their Praxis I (PPST) tests, earned at least 48 college credits (including three in writing, three in literature, and six in math), attained the required GPA (usually 2.8), and passed the Department of English’s test of writing competency. Then they need to apply for formal admission at the College of Education and Social Work.
- The Department of English’s test of writing competency is offered once in the fall and once in the spring. It is the student’s responsibility to find out when the test is given and to make arrangements for attendance.
- Students must submit a successful writing portfolio before student teaching.
- Many of these classes are offered during the day and during the fall and spring semesters only, especially the advanced methods courses.
- Students should contact the Department of Educational Foundations and Policy Studies to be properly advised about education courses.

For more information concerning secondary English certification for post-baccalaureate students, contact the Department of English graduate coordinator.