The English Language programme aims to help students to:

- develop the capacity for critical enquiry into various aspects of the study of language; and
- acquire specialised knowledge about the structure, development, and functions of English.

The modules fall into six groups — based on area of investigation — indicated by the last two digits of the module code:

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<td><strong>Internal organisation of language structure</strong>&lt;br&gt;Exploring the linguistic patterning of sounds, meanings, and syntax, at the level of word, sentence, and text</td>
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<td>-06 – 09</td>
<td><strong>Psychological processes underlying language structure and use</strong>&lt;br&gt;Including exploration of the typical and atypical development of language-related processes in children, and the effects of brain impairment on these processes</td>
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<td><strong>Historical and typological aspects of language in a multilingual context</strong>&lt;br&gt;Exploring the phenomenon of language contact and the emergence of new varieties of language</td>
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**Entry Requirements**

Students who wish to read English Language should have obtained at least one of the following:<br>Exempted from or passed the NUS Qualifying English Test, or exempted from further CELC Remedial English modules.
Subject Requirements

Single Major [BA (Hons)]

To major in EL, students need to:

1. Pass EL1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 84 MCs of EL modules or EL-recognised modules which include the following:

   (1) EL2101 Structure of Sentences and Meanings

   (2) EL2102 Sound Patterns in Language

   (3) EL2111 Historical Variation in English

   (4) EL2151 Social Variation in English

   (5) A minimum of 60 MCs at Level-3000 or higher, with

      (i) a minimum of 40 MCs at Level-4000 or higher

      (ii) a maximum of 1 Level-5000 EL module (subject to department’s approval).

   (6) A maximum of 12 MCs of EL-recognised modules* (See Note 1)

Note 1: A maximum of 12 MCs from the following EL-recognised modules may be read to fulfil EL Major requirements:

- EN2271 Introduction to Playwriting
- EN2272 Introduction to Writing Prose Fiction
- EN2273 Introduction to Creative Writing
- EN2274 Introduction to Screenwriting
- EN3245 Feminism: Text and Theory
- EN3271 Advanced Playwriting
- NM2301 Persuasive Communication: Theory and Application
- NM3207 Philosophy in Communications and New Media
- NM3222 Interactive Storytelling
- PH2242 Philosophy of Language
- PH3245 Language and Thought
- PH4242 Issues in the Philosophy of Language
- PS4220 Rhetoric and Politics
- TS4213 Stylistics of Drama

Note 2: To declare an Honours track, students must have completed at least 110 MCs including 44 MCs
of major requirements and have a minimum CAP of 3.20.

**Note 3:** The Honours Thesis (15 MCs) is optional. To qualify for the Honours Thesis, students must have met the pre-requisites for the Honours Thesis. In order to obtain Honours (Highest Distinction), students must read and pass the Honours Thesis and obtain a CAP of 4.50 or higher.

**Note 4:** Students who do not attempt the Honours Thesis will read Level-4000 modules to fulfil the Honours Requirements.

**Note 5:** Students may also read a Level-4000 Independent Studies Module (5 MCs). This Level-4000 ISM carries a prerequisite of 100 MCs completed, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20. It precludes the Honours Thesis.

**Note 6:** All Level-4000 modules carry a general prerequisite of having completed 80 MCs, including 28 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20 OR being on the Honours Track (some Level-4000 modules may have different prerequisites).

**Single Major (BA)**

To major in EL, students need to:

1. Pass EL1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of EL modules or EL-recognised modules which include the following:

   (1) EL2101 Structure of Sentences and Meanings

   (2) EL2102 Sound Patterns in Language

   (3) EL2111 Historical Variation in English

   (4) EL2151 Social Variation in English

   (5) A minimum of 20 MCs at Level-3000 or higher

   (6) A maximum of 12 MCs of EL-recognised modules (See Note 1)

**Note 1:** A maximum of 12 MCs from the following EL-recognised modules may be read to fulfil EL Major requirements:

- EN2271 Introduction to Playwriting
- EN2272 Introduction to Writing Prose Fiction
EN2273 Introduction to Creative Writing
EN2274 Introduction to Screenwriting
EN3245 Feminism: Text and Theory
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Second Major

To major in EL, students need to:

1. Pass EL1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of EL modules or EL-recognised modules which include the following:

   (1) EL2101 Structure of Sentences and Meanings

   (2) EL2102 Sound Patterns in Language

   (3) EL2111 Historical Variation in English

   (4) EL2151 Social Variation in English

   (5) A minimum of 20 MCs at Level-3000 or higher

   (6) A maximum of 12 MCs of EL-recognised modules

Note 1: A maximum of 12 MCs from the following EL-recognised modules may be read to fulfil EL Major requirements:

- EN2271 Introduction to Playwriting
- EN2272 Introduction to Writing Prose Fiction
- EN2273 Introduction to Creative Writing
- EN2274 Introduction to Screenwriting
- EN3245 Feminism: Text and Theory
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- NM2301 Persuasive Communication: Theory and Application
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**Minor**

Pass at least 24 MCs of EL modules, which include the following:

1. EL1101E The Nature of Language
2. EL2101 Structure of Sentences and Meanings
3. A minimum of 8 MCs of EL modules at Level-3000

**Note 1:** A maximum of 8 MCs from the minor can be used to satisfy the requirements of a major or another minor.

**Note 2:** Only EL-coded modules can be used to fulfill the EL Minor requirements.

Please refer to the guidelines/requirements pertaining to the Minor programmes at the FASS Student Portal and the Registrar’s Office (Minor programmes) website.

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