

E English Language

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:

Series	Area of Investigation
-01 - 05	Internal organisation of language structure Exploring the linguistic patterning of sounds, meanings, and syntax, at the level of word, sentence, and text
-06 - 09	Psychological processes underlying language structure and use Including exploration of the typical and atypical development of language-related processes in children, and the effects of brain impairment on these processes
-11 - 15	Historical and typological aspects of language in a multilingual context Exploring the phenomenon of language contact and the emergence of new varieties of language
-16 - 19	Computer-based approaches to language analysis Including the construction and use of lexical databases, corpus-based language analysis, and computer corpora for language teaching and learning
-21 - 25	Literary aspects of language Exploring the relevance of the study of language for the study of literature
-51 - 59	Socio-politico-cultural aspects of language use Exploring language use in its complex interactions with the situational environment, socio-cultural practices, and ideology

Entry Requirements

Students who wish to read English Language should have obtained at least one of the following:
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
- 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

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 ^(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

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.

For the latest updates, please visit the department website at: <http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/ell>