Overview
The Berkeley English Department offers a wide-ranging Ph.D. program, engaging in all historical periods of British and American literature, Anglophone literature, and critical and cultural theory. The program aims to assure that students gain a broad knowledge of literature in English as well as the highly-developed skills in scholarship and criticism necessary to do solid and innovative work in their chosen specialized fields.

Please note that the department does not offer a Master’s Degree program or a degree program in Creative Writing. Students can, however, petition for an M.A. in English with an emphasis in Creative Writing upon completion of the Ph.D. course requirements (one of which must be a graduate writing workshop) and submission of a body of creative work.

Students interested in combining a Ph.D. in English with studies in another discipline may pursue designated emphases programs in Film Studies, Medieval Studies, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality.

Normative time to complete the program is six years. The first two years are devoted to fulfilling the course and language requirements. The third year is spent preparing for and taking the Ph.D. oral qualifying examination. The fourth through sixth years are devoted to researching and writing the prospectus and dissertation.

Graduate Program
English (http://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-programs/english): PhD

ENGLISH 200 Problems in the Study of Literature 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
Approaches to literary study, including textual analysis, scholarly methodology and bibliography, critical theory and practice.

Topics in the Study of Literature:

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to students in the English Ph.D. program

ENGLISH 201A Topics in the Structure of the English Language 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2007, Fall 2002
Studies in the structure of the English language, varying by semester. Possible topics include phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics, either separately or in relation to literature, culture, and society.

Topics in the Structure of the English Language: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

ENGLISH 201B Topics in the History of the English Language 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2009

Topics in the History of the English Language: Read Less [-]

Topics in the History of the English Language:

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

ENGLISH 201C Language, Literature, and History: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201D Language and the Arts: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201E Language, Society, and Politics: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201F Language, Religion, and Culture: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201G Language, History, and the Mind: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201H Language, Science, and Technology: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201I Language, Business, and Economics: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201J Language, Politics, and Society: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201K Language, Philosophy, and Religion: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201L Language, Art, and Culture: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201M Language, Music, and the Arts: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201N Language, Athletics, and the Body: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201O Language, Health, and Well-being: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201P Language, Education, and Learning: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201Q Language, Environment, and Sustainability: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201R Language, Technology, and Innovation: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201S Language, Information, and Communication: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201T Language, Law, and Justice: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201U Language, Business, and Economy: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201V Language, Politics, and Governance: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201W Language, Economics, and Finance: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201X Language, Health, and Wellness: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201Y Language, Education, and Development: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201Z Language, Environment, and Conservation: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AA Language, Technology, and Innovation: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AB Language, Information, and Communication: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AC Language, Law, and Justice: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AD Language, Business, and Economy: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AE Language, Politics, and Governance: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AF Language, Economics, and Finance: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AG Language, Health, and Wellness: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AH Language, Education, and Development: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AI Language, Environment, and Conservation: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AJ Language, Technology, and Innovation: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AK Language, Information, and Communication: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AL Language, Law, and Justice: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AM Language, Business, and Economy: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AN Language, Politics, and Governance: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AO Language, Economics, and Finance: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AP Language, Health, and Wellness: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AQ Language, Education, and Development: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AR Language, Environment, and Conservation: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AS Language, Technology, and Innovation: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AT Language, Information, and Communication: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AU Language, Law, and Justice: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AV Language, Business, and Economy: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201AW Language, Politics, and Governance: Read Less [-]

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ENGLISH 201BB Language, Technology, and Innovation: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201BC Language, Information, and Communication: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201BD Language, Law, and Justice: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201BE Language, Business, and Economy: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201BF Language, Politics, and Governance: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201BG Language, Economics, and Finance: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201BH Language, Health, and Wellness: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201BI Language, Education, and Development: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201BJ Language, Environment, and Conservation: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201BK Language, Technology, and Innovation: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 201BL Language, Information, and Communication: Read Less [-]
ENGLISH 203 Graduate Readings 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
Graduate lecture courses surveying broad areas and periods of literary history, and directing students in wide reading. Offerings vary from semester to semester. Students should consult the department's "Announcement of Classes" for offerings well before the beginning of the semester.
Graduate Readings: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Open to advanced undergraduates, with the consent of the instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

ENGLISH 205A Old English 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2011, Fall 2009
Old English: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Open to undergraduates with the consent of the instructor
Credit Restrictions: Offered for 4 units in fall and in spring, 3 units in summer.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

ENGLISH 205B Old English 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2014
Old English: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Open to undergraduates with the consent of the instructor
Credit Restrictions: Offered for 4 units in fall and in spring, 3 units in summer.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

ENGLISH 211 Chaucer 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2014
Discussion of Chaucer's major works.
Chaucer: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

ENGLISH 212 Readings in Middle English 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2012
Rapid reading of selections in Middle English, from the twelfth century through the fifteenth.
Readings in Middle English: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Readings in Middle English: Read Less [-]
ENGLISH 217 Shakespeare 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2016, Fall 2014
Discussion of selected works of Shakespeare.
Shakespeare: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

ENGLISH 218 Milton 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Fall 2012, Spring 2011
Discussion of Milton's major works.
Milton: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

ENGLISH 243A Fiction Writing Workshop 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2018, Spring 2017
A writing workshop in fiction for graduate students.
Fiction Writing Workshop: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor, normally based on prior writings submitted
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

ENGLISH 243B Poetry Writing Workshop 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
A writing workshop in poetry for graduate students.
Poetry Writing Workshop: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor, normally based on prior writings submitted
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

ENGLISH 243N Prose Nonfiction Writing Workshop 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2017, Fall 2014
A writing workshop in prose nonfiction for graduate students.
Prose Nonfiction Writing Workshop: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor, normally based on prior writings submitted
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Fiction Writing Workshop: Read Less [-]
ENGLISH 246C Graduate Proseminars: Renaissance: Sixteenth century (excluding, or at least not prominently featuring, Shakespeare) 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2017, Fall 2014
Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.
Graduate Proseminars: Renaissance: Sixteenth century (excluding, or at least not prominently featuring, Shakespeare): Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Graduate Proseminars: Renaissance: Sixteenth century (excluding, or at least not prominently featuring, Shakespeare): Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 246D Graduate Proseminars: Renaissance: Seventeenth century through Milton 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2015, Fall 2007
Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.
Graduate Proseminars: Renaissance: Seventeenth century through Milton: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Graduate Proseminars: Renaissance: Seventeenth century through Milton: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 246E Graduate Proseminars: Restoration and early 18th century 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Fall 2010, Fall 2008
Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.
Graduate Proseminars: Restoration and early 18th century: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Graduate Proseminars: Restoration and early 18th century: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 246F Graduate Proseminars: Later 18th century 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2016, Fall 2013
Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.
Graduate Proseminars: Later 18th century: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Graduate Proseminars: Later 18th century: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 246G Graduate Proseminars: Romantic 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2017, Spring 2015
Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.
Graduate Proseminars: Romantic: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Graduate Proseminars: Romantic: Read Less [-]
ENGLISH 246H Graduate Proseminars: Victorian 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2017, Fall 2007
Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.
Graduate Proseminars: Victorian: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Graduate Proseminars: Victorian: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 246I Graduate Proseminars: American to 1855 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2015, Fall 2012, Fall 2011
Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.
Graduate Proseminars: American to 1855: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Graduate Proseminars: American to 1855: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 246J Graduate Proseminars: American 1855 to 1900 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2011, Fall 2008
Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.
Graduate Proseminars: American 1855 to 1900: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Graduate Proseminars: American 1855 to 1900: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 246K Graduate Proseminars: Literature in English 1900 to 1945 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2014, Spring 2013
Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.
Graduate Proseminars: Literature in English 1900 to 1945: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Graduate Proseminars: Literature in English 1900 to 1945: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 246L Graduate Proseminars: Literature in English 1945 to Present 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2014, Fall 2007
Proseminars in the major chronological fields of English and American literature providing graduate instruction in scholarly and critical approaches appropriate to each field.
Graduate Proseminars: Literature in English 1945 to Present: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Graduate Proseminars: Literature in English 1945 to Present: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 250 Research Seminars 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
Required of all Ph.D. students. Advanced study in various fields, leading to a substantial piece of writing. Offerings vary from semester to semester. Students should consult the department's "Announcement of Classes" for offerings well before the beginning of the semester.
Research Seminars: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Research Seminars: Read Less [-]
ENGLISH 298 Special Studies 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015
Directed research. Open to qualified graduate students wishing to pursue special topics. If taken to satisfy degree requirements, must be taken for four units and a letter grade.
Special Studies: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-12 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Special Studies: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 299 Special Study 1 - 12 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
Normally reserved for students directly engaged upon the doctoral dissertation.
Special Study: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week

Summer:
6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Special Study: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH N299 Special Study 1 - 6 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2012 10 Week Session, Summer 2010 10 Week Session
Primarily for students engaged in preliminary exploration of a restricted field, involving research and the writing of a report. May not be substituted for available seminars.
Special Study: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Summer:
6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 2-23 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Special Study: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 310 Field Studies in Tutoring Writing 1 - 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015
Tutoring Berkeley undergraduates in College Writing R1A, R1A, R1B, and other writing and/or literature courses. Seminar topics: the writing process, responding to writing, composition theory, grammar, collaborative learning, tutoring methods. Tutors keep a weekly journal, read assigned articles, videotape their tutoring, and write a final paper. This course cannot be used toward fulfillment of the major requirements.
Field Studies in Tutoring Writing: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Pre-enrollment interviews required
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 6 units.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Offered for pass/not pass grade only.
Field Studies in Tutoring Writing: Read Less [-]
ENGLISH 375 The Teaching of Composition and Literature 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
Discussion of course aims, instructional methods, grading standards, and special problems in the teaching of composition and literature, with practice in handling sample essays. When given for graduate student instructors in the English R1A-R1B Program or the English 45 series, the course will include class visitation.
The Teaching of Composition and Literature: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Formerly known as: English 302

The Teaching of Composition and Literature: Read Less [-]

ENGLISH 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 1 - 12 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015
Individual study in consultation with the major field adviser, intended to provide an opportunity for qualified students to prepare themselves for the various examinations required of candidates for the Ph.D. May not be used for unit or residence requirements for the doctoral degree.
Individual Study for Doctoral Students: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: English/Graduate examination preparation
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Individual Study for Doctoral Students: Read Less [-]