

ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS GROUP MAJOR

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The **Language Arts Group major** for Elementary Certification consists of 36 credits selected from five areas of emphasis: Literature, Writing, Speaking, Listening and Reading and Literacy.

Candidates for certification must pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) in Language Arts (Test #90). You must demonstrate your knowledge in the following categories:

Subarea	Approximate % of Questions on Test
1. Meaning and Communication	28%
2. Literature , Genre and Craft	35%
3. Skills and Processes	35%

You may access a study guide at the MTTC testing site; the courses below have been selected and designed so that you will be well prepared for the test.

A **Language Arts Group Major** must have a minimum of 16 credits in Literature, 8 credits in Writing, and 6 credits in Speaking and Listening. Additional courses, if needed to bring the total to 36 credits, may be elected from any of the three areas.

Literacy I (ED280) and Literacy II (ED283) supplement the reading and literacy content objectives in the certification exam but **do not count in the total major credits**.

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LITERATURE (Required: 4 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
ENG 248	Introduction to Literature	4		

CULTURAL HERITAGE (4-6 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
Required Cultural Heritage course: ENG 231 or IDS 171 To have their General Education Cultural Heritage courses count toward the Language Arts major, student normally choose from one of the following three combinations:				
ENG 231 & IDS 172 OR ENG 232 & IDS 171 OR IDS 171 & IDS 172	Literature of the Western World & Cultural Heritage II	4 2		
	Literature of the Western World II & Cultural Heritage I	4 2		
	Cultural Heritage I & Cultural Heritage II	2 2		

ONE COURSE IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE (4 credits) Choose one of the following

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
ENG 373	Literature for Children and Adolescents	4		
ENG 375	Ethnic American Literature for Young People	4		

ONE ELECTIVE COURSE (4 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
May select the second children's literature course from the previous box.				
ENG 301	British Literature I	4		
ENG 302	British Literature II	4		
ENG 305	American Literature I	4		
ENG 306	American Literature II	4		
ENG 371	Historical Connections	4		
ENG 373	Literary Forms and Reformulations	4		
ENG 375	Language, Literature, and Social/Cultural Differences	4		
ENG 495	Advanced Studies	4		

WRITING (Choose 8 - 12 credits below)

Because ENG 360 has been changed to a 4 credit course, and some of our Language Arts majors have taken the 2-credit course, we have adjusted the requirements to allow for some choice in the writing course work, thus relieving the stress caused by curriculum changes.

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
The ENG 113 foundational course does NOT count for major credit				
ENG 213	Expository Writing II	2		
ENG 279	Writing for Teachers	4		
ENG 360	Modern English Grammar	4		
Creative Writing courses:				
ENG 154	Intro to Creative Writing-Fiction	2		
ENG 155	Intro to Creative Writing-Poems	2		
ENG 254	Creative Writing: Fiction	4		
ENG 255	Creative Writing: Poems	4		
ENG 258	Creative Writing: Non-Fiction	4		
ENG 259	Creative Writing: Satire	4		
ENG 354	Intermediate Creative Writing: Fiction	4		
ENG355	Intermediate Creative Writing: Poems	4		
ENG358	Intermediate Creative Writing: Nonfiction	4		
ENG454	Advanced Creative Writing: Fiction	4		
ENG455	Advanced Creative Writing: Poems	4		

SPEAKING AND LISTENING (Choose at least 6 credits)

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
COMM 101 OR COMM 140 AND THEA 110 OR THEA 130	Intro to Communication Process	4		
	Public Presentations	4		
	Acting for Non-Majors	2		
	Oral Interpretation	2		

ELECTIVE Elect courses in literature, writing, speaking or listening if needed to bring total to 36 for a major.

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PLEASE NOTE: This Language Arts Group major is supported by key education courses. The credits for these courses count toward your education certification, but not toward the content area major.

READING AND LITERACY

SUBJECT/ COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER	GRADE
ED 280/281	Literacy I and Field Placement	4		
ED 282/283	Literacy II and Field Placement	4		