

# 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:

1. Meaning and Communication           21 to 30 items
2. Literature , Genre and Craft        21 to 30 items
3. Skills and Processes                 21 to 30 items

You may access a study guide at the MTTC testing site; the courses below have been selected 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 <b>OR</b>	Literature of the Western World & Cultural Heritage II	4 2		
	Literature of the Western World II & Cultural Heritage I	4 2		
ENG 232 & IDS 171 <b>OR</b> IDS 171 & IDS 172	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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\_\_\_\_\_ GPA in the above courses for a Language Arts Group major  
(2.5 is required to qualify for student teaching)

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		