

Department of English Linguistics and Literature

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What is English Linguistics and Literature?

English linguistics is the scientific study of the English language. Modern linguistic theory aims to understand the nature of the human knowledge of language through careful examination of the forms and structures found in natural language. English linguistics tries to answer this question, focusing on the study of English.

Literature is a form of human expression. English Literature means literary works written in English whose values lie in the beauty of form or emotional effect. Why do we study English Literature? As an art, literature gives us pleasure, elevates us, transforms our experiences, and functions in society as a continuing critical symbolic value.

English Linguistics and Literature at Kyung Hee

The English Language and Linguistics major is designed to give students a basic understanding of the core areas of English Linguistics: phonetics and phonology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, discourse, sociolinguistics, language acquisition, language teaching, and computational linguistics. Building on this foundation, it is intended that students will be able to tailor the program to meet their personal English linguistic interests either by focusing on one particular area, or by diversifying into other branches.

The English Literature Program offers a wide range of courses in: (1) English and American Literature and the related areas of the humanities and, (2) English and American cultures. Literature courses focus mainly on the close reading of literary and cultural texts, the study of particular authors and genres, the critical theories and methods, and the relationship of literary works to other areas of the humanities.

Degree Requirements

To receive the Bachelor of Arts degree in English Linguistics and Literature, a student must:

- 1) Complete the required units as follows.
 - a) Students who major in English Linguistics and Literature should:
 - complete a minimum of 130 credit units
 - satisfy a minimum of 70 units of Major Courses as follows:
 - complete 12 units of Essential Major Studies for English Linguistics and Literature
 - complete 18 units of Basic Major Studies for English Linguistics and Literature
 - complete 40 units of Elective Major Studies for English Linguistics and Literature
 - b) Students who double major in English Linguistics and Literature should:
 - complete a minimum of 130 credit units
 - satisfy a minimum of 50 units of Major Courses as follows:
 - complete 12 units of Essential Major Studies for English Linguistics and Literature
 - complete 18 units of Basic Major Studies for English Linguistics and Literature
 - complete 20 units of Elective Major Studies for English Linguistics and Literature
- 2) Satisfy a graduate examination or pass graduation thesis.

Courses

The major gives students an education in various aspects of English. At the core of linguistics are courses about sounds (phonetics and phonology), word formation (morphology), sentence structure (syntax), meaning (semantics and pragmatics) and the history of English. You will also be given the opportunity to explore other themes, such as language acquisition, language processing, language teaching, and computational linguistics. Literature courses include Introduction to English Literature, Poetic Imagination and Society, English Drama, Popular Literature and Bestsellers, Critical Theory, English Prose, Classics of East and West and (Post)Modern, Shakespeare, Literature and Film Studies, Gender and British/American Literature, Literature and Utopia/Dystopia, American Fiction, Reading Critically, Literature and Ecology, Romance Literature, Studies in Cultural Theory, The Modern Drama, Modern British & American Poetry, Comparative Literature, SF Literature and Films, Literature and Journalism, Anglo-American Minority Literature, Studies in the English Novel, English Teaching Unit Analysis, Lesson Plan for Teaching Materials.

Careers and Graduate Destinations

The future for English Linguistics and Literature majors is promising. Many jobs related to the humanities are available for graduates with proficiency in English: journalist, TV producer, manager, C.E.O., translator, writer, English teacher, college professor, and diverse jobs in such fields as cultural studies, fiction, criticism, poetry, drama, performance, and film studies.

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