

English Language and Literature

1. General Overview

The Department of English Language and Literature was one of the five founding departments when Soongsil reopened in Seoul in 1954. Ten top-class scholars are currently teaching and researching with specialties in British-American literature, English linguistics, and English education. The Department provides students with various kinds of Department scholarships in addition to University scholarships. In addition to regular academic curricula, the Department sponsors annual English Debate, English Essay Competition, English Drama Production, (short-term) Overseas Exploration Project, and Pop Band with funds donated by alumni and other benefactors. During vacations, students can receive intensive instruction in composition and/or TOEFL preparation.

2. Educational Goals/Objectives

Most courses are offered in English to help students acquire the ability to communicate in English in various situations and contribute to cultural exchanges and better understanding between Korea and the world. Students get to learn English with emphasis on linguistic, historical, cultural, and literary aspects of English.

3. Areas of Specialization and/or Course Titles

- Freshman: Reading Comprehension I/II, General Review of English Literature, General Review of American Literature, Introduction to English Linguistics
- Sophomore: English Composition via the Internet I, English Pronunciation, Medieval and Early Modern English Literature, 19th Century American Literature, Advanced English Literature, English Listening & Speaking I, 19th Century British Novel, Drama English, Fantasy Literature and Film, English Words
- Junior: English Composition via the Internet II, Introduction to English Teaching and Learning, 20th Century American Drama and Culture, Understanding of the 19th Century British and American Poetry, Novel and Short Fiction in Modern Britain and English-speaking Countries, English Listening & Speaking II, Understanding Shakespeare, Postmodern Culture and Fiction, Modern American Novel, Seminar in English Linguistics
- Senior: Business English, Discourse Analysis in English, Classical English Literature, English Presentation, Translation Studies, English Debate, English for Domestic and International Issues, 20th Century British and American Literature and Film, Understanding of Modern British and American Poetry, British and American Literary Criticism

4. Career Opportunities/Job Situation

Graduates are finding their jobs in wide areas.

- English-related professions: professor, teacher, instructor, translator, book editor
- journalism: news reporter, TV/radio producer, TV/radio announcer
- others: international business-related jobs in corporations, jobs in airlines and hotels, actor/stage director, etc.

5. Related Licenses

Class II Teacher's License in English for Secondary School