The Mission of the Division of Education is:

The Division of Education develops educators who are highly prepared in their subject matter, culturally competent, creative, caring, and knowledgeable about effective pedagogy. As faculty and students engage in collaboration, research, and dialogue, our programs are designed to develop well-informed, reflective leaders and professional scholars.

Students seeking admission to the Division of Education can declare English as their content area and either elementary or secondary education for their certification. In making this choice, students must fulfill all the requirements for an English major as well as education. Secondary education students should note they must take EN 305 American Literature; Elementary education students can choose either EN 305 or EN 313 American Novel. In this double major, students build a strong foundation in English, develop pedagogical strategies, and gain experience in academic settings through classroom observations and student teaching. For either of the above English/Education selections, students would be required to pass the appropriate Praxis test and the English Comprehensive Examination before student teaching.

Students can also opt to complete an Elementary School with English Specialization (Grades 5-8), also known as Middle School Certification in English. This endorsement would involve taking fifteen credits in English courses as indicated in the Undergraduate Catalog along with specific Education and Psychology courses. Again, students would be required to pass the appropriate Praxis before student teaching.

The demand continues to grow for student proficiency in critical thinking, and employment opportunities are excellent for English teachers. Organizations such as the National Council of Teachers of English and the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English supply support and guidance to their educational members.
Liberal Arts and Sciences Core ................................................................. 49 credits
Education Major .................................................................................... 30+ credits
English Content Major .......................................................................... 30 credits
Total ......................................................................................................... 120+ credits

*English Content Major*

5 Requirements:

EN 301 Masterpieces of Western Literature

EN 305 American Literature * or
EN 313 The American Novel

EN 306 English Literature

EN 401 Shakespeare: Plays of Politics or
EN 417 Shakespeare: Plays of Love

EN 410 English Seminar

*Secondary Education students MUST take EN 305 American Literature

In addition students are required to take 5 courses to be chosen from a wide range of literary periods and genres. Please see separate sheet for details.

All English majors are also required to pass the English Comprehensive Examination prior to graduation. The exam must be taken prior to Student Teaching.

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Passing score on both the Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators is necessary in order to be accepted into the Education program, and the appropriate Praxis II before Student Teaching.

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