

Department of English

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Introduction

Founded in 1946, with our graduate institute following in 1956, we are one of the first foreign language graduate institutes in Taiwan. In 1999, our master and doctoral programs were officially divided into three areas: literary studies, linguistics, and English teaching.

The academic performance of our department has long been recognized and the three journals we publish: *Concentric: Literary and Cultural Studies*, *Concentric: Studies in Linguistics*, and *English Teaching & Learning* are listed as first-class journals in the THCI by the Ministry of Science and Technology and are included in a number of international journal indexes, including A&HCI, ESCI and Scopus.

Our department recruits those with an outstanding academic record in the fields of literature, linguistics, and English teaching. Our full-time faculty includes 18 professors, 18 associate professors, 11 assistant professors, 2 lecturers, and 4 appointed language instructors.

We have many notable alumni, including four

academicians in the Academia Sinica, ambassadors and interpreters in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and many successful figures in the fields of finance and technology. Additionally, many of our alumni are heavily involved in charity work. However, no matter what field our alumni strive in, what they learned in our department remains as the foundation upon which they build their success.



Instructional Objectives

The NTNU Department of English aims to prepare its students to become teachers of English in secondary schools and to enter other professions that require a good command of English. We also assist in the development of English teaching and learning methodologies and practices at the secondary school level. Therefore, the core curriculum in our four-year undergraduate program emphasizes the four basic English language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) during the first two years of study. In the last two years, students gain professional knowledge and research skills in literature, linguistics, and TESOL. In addition, we devote ourselves to the promotion of advanced research in British and American literature and theoretical and applied linguistics, as well as to the training of research-oriented college instructors of English.

Degree Requirements

Our bachelor's degree program aims to cultivate competency in English and lay the foundation for academic research and English teaching. In their freshman and sophomore years, students receive intensive training in the four basic language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Moving on to their junior and senior years, the courses focus on professional abilities. Also, the department places an emphasis on core courses such as literature, culture, linguistics, and teaching proficiency.

Features of the Curriculum

Our program not only further improves our students' English abilities, forming a solid foundation for developing literary, cultural, linguistic, and teaching research skills, but also enhances critical thinking skills. We encourage our students to develop an international outlook to help them succeed and lead in different fields.

Our department not only cultivates students' language abilities, but also encourages them to join interdisciplinary programs. To this end, NTNU has formed an alliance with National Taiwan University and National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, with the three schools sharing resources and allowing students to take courses across the three schools.



Career Prospects

Graduates from our department have extensive choices. For further study, they attend graduate schools in Taiwan and abroad, and engage themselves in academic research or university teaching. Regarding employment, students regularly go on to establish careers in the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Additionally, many graduates become translators/interpreters, teachers in junior high, senior high or language schools, editors of teaching materials, administrative staff in schools, translators for documents or instruction manuals, advertising specialists, international trading specialists, or secretaries.