

# 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's and doctoral programs were divided into three areas: literary studies, linguistics, and English teaching.

The academic performance of our department has long been recognized and the three journals that 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 indices, including A&HCI, ESCI, and Scopus.

Our department recruits students with an outstanding academic record in the fields of literature, linguistics, and English teaching.

Our full-time faculty includes 26 professors, 11 associate professors, 4 assistant professors, 3 adjunct language instructors, and 1 joint-appointment professor.

We have many notable alumni, including four academicians in 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 deeply involved in charity work.



## 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

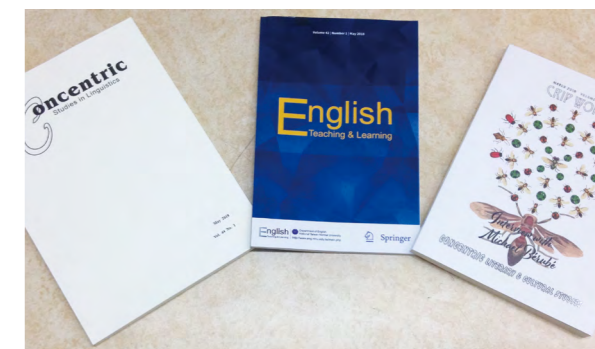
Our bachelor's degree program aims to cultivate competency in English and lay the foundation for academic research and English teaching.

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 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.

In addition to cultivating students' language abilities, our department also encourages students 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 enroll in courses across the three schools.



## Career Prospects

Graduates from our department enjoy an extensive range of choices. For further study, they attend graduate schools in Taiwan and abroad, and engage 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, and secretaries.