

## The Major in British and American Language and Literature

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### Overview of the Major

The major in British and American Language and Literature offers a wide range of courses on the historical and cultural aspects of English language and literature. In the major, language and literature-related courses are designed to cultivate students' English proficiency and deepen their knowledge of linguistics and literature in English. The major prepares students for professional work in a variety of fields, including international relations, the entertainment industry, mass media, publicity and marketing, creative writing, and English education.

### Courses and Learning in the Major

The major in British and American Language and Literature offers courses in British and American literature, linguistics, and English education. Some courses in the major are primarily aimed at helping students to master spoken and written English through opportunities for practicing and learning advanced English. Other courses offer literary and linguistic studies that provide detailed knowledge on British and American societies, cultures, politics, and religions. A third set of courses are on English language education, such as pedagogy, literacy studies, and English education curriculum and materials development.

### Degree Requirements

To receive the Bachelor of Arts in British and American Language and Literature, a student must:

- Complete a minimum of 130 credit units (students who entered by 2018) or a minimum of 120 credit units (students who entered after 2019)
- Complete 5 units of general mandatory courses of Kyung Hee University
- Complete a minimum of 12 credits among four of seven elective courses.
- Complete at least 1 unit of a free elective course (the Major Exploring and Entrepreneurship Seminar" is mandatory)

- Complete 2 units (6 credits) in SW general or SW coding courses (transfer students and foreign students can be exempted). These courses are listed in the software education curriculum.
- Complete 1 unit of essential general subjects of Kyung Hee University in the areas of foreign language (3 credits of Foreign Language 1, 2)
- Complete 9 credits of the general studies of the College of Foreign Language and Literature (2 courses from the general subjects of the College and one from the courses of each country's history and culture)
- Complete 20 units of major courses for English: 15 credits of required courses and 45 credits of elective courses
- Complete at least 21 credits of major courses for an English minor
- Meet the requirements of minimum English competency [TOEFL score of 570 (PBT) or 88 (IBT) or TOEIC score over 850 or IELTS score over 6.5

### Courses

#### Year 1

Speech and Discussion 1 and 2, Practical English Grammar, Critical Reading and Writing 1, British History and Culture, American History and Culture

#### Year 2

Introduction to English Literature, Introduction to English Linguistics, Introduction to Cultural Studies, Understanding of English Poetry, British-American Literature for Children and Youth, American Fiction, Critical Reading and Writing 2, English and Cross-Cultural Communication, History of the English Language, Internship 1-3 in English

#### Year 3

Modern English Grammar, Business Communication 1, Global Current English, English Drama, Internship 1-3 in English, English Translation and Interpretation 1 and 2, Language and Society, Classical Culture and Renaissance, Essay on English Linguistics, English Curriculum and Evaluation, Teaching English as a Global Language, Theoretical Foundation of Teaching English as a Subject Matter, Curriculum and Materials Development, Logical Thinking and Essay Writing in ELT

#### Year 4

Internship 1-3 in English, British Fiction, Business Communication 2, Semantics and Pragmatics, Contrastive Analysis of English and Korean, Special Lecture on English Linguistics, A Study of SF and Fantasy, Special Lecture on English Literature, Discourse Analysis, A Graduation Thesis, Technology and Digital Contents, Task-based English Learning

#### Careers and Graduate Destinations

After graduation, our students have a variety of choices for their careers, such as English teachers at every level of education, ranging from kindergarten to high school, as well as university if they pursue advanced degrees after graduation. Newspaper reporters, literary critics, journalists, and reporters for broadcasting companies are other possible careers.

They can also work as simultaneous interpreters or translators of books. Since English is in high demand, the prospects for our students' careers are very promising.

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### What is British and American Culture?

The 21st century can be called the age of culture. The ability to understand, analyze, and produce culture is pivotal for the survival and growth of individuals and nations. Thus, in-depth study of culture in the English-speaking world is significant and essential to meet the challenges of the new century. As English becomes the global language, American and British culture is expanding its influence on the rest of the world. In order to collaborate and compete in the increasingly competitive world led by English-speaking culture, it is necessary to understand the cultures of these countries, as well as their language and literatures. The major in British and American Culture offers a variety of courses that will cultivate students' comprehensive understanding of British and American culture.

### British and American Culture at Kyung Hee University

The major in British and American Culture deals with the comprehensive culture in the English-speaking world, but with special emphasis on British and American culture. Culture in its broad sense is a whole way of life, or a signifying system, through which a social order is communicated, reproduced, experienced, and explored. Culture not only includes high intellectual and artistic activity, but also everyday life, such as eating, clothing, feeling, and consuming. In order to cover all areas of culture, the program in British and American Culture offers courses on the popular as well as high culture in English-speaking countries. It provides courses on performing arts, such as drama and musicals, narrative, which constitutes the basis of all arts, and film, which has already ascended as the leading visual media of the contemporary world. Special critical attention is paid to language, both as the central tool of communication and as the arena in which social and cultural differences are reflected and produced. The major also deals with cultural phenomena that recently gained political

importance, such as feminism, globalization, and sexual revolution. In order to see these contemporary issues in the historical context, the major provides courses on the history of British and American cultural thoughts and criticism. Successful completion of the major will prepare students to become specialists in British and American culture and leaders in today's context.

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#### **Year 2**

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#### **Year 3**

Business Communication 1, Global Current English, English Translation and Interpretation 1 and 2, Asia and its Other Languages, Media Criticism, Non-fiction Narrative, Studies in British Cinema, Romance Storytelling, British and American Musicals, Studies on Tragic and Comic Characters, Image Culture and Technology, Cyberspace and Culture, Theoretical Foundation of Teaching English as a Subject Matter, Curriculum and Materials Development, Logical Thinking and Essay Writing in ELT

#### **Year 4**

Graduation Thesis, Business Communication 2, Posthuman Culture and Narrative, Mystery Storytelling, Arts and Cultural Management, Cultural Communication and Cultural Translation, Festival as World Culture Internship, Special Topics in Cultural Studies, Technology and Digital Contents, Task-based English Learning

#### **Careers and Graduate Destinations**

After graduation, our students have a variety of choices for their careers in such fields as communications, media, global trade, business, banking, publishing, education, and other areas requiring knowledge and understanding of cultures in the English-speaking world. With a strong undergraduate background in interdisciplinary study provided by the major, graduate study is also possible in all areas, including English literature, British and American history, philosophy, religion, anthropology, cultural studies, media studies, sociology, and education.

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