APPROVAL FORM FOR

DEGREE PROGRAMS

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

NOTE: This form is a cover sheet that must accompany the degree program change proposal. The actual proposal should be prepared in accordance with format requirements provided in the *Guide and Format for Curriculum Proposals* published by the UCCC. Both cover sheet and proposal should be submitted to UCCC Mail Stop 9702 (281 Garner Hall), Phone: 325-9410.

College Arts & Sciences **Department:** English

Contact Person: Ginger Pizer **Mail Stop:** 9518 **E-mail:** gbp31@msstate.edu

Nature of Change: Modification **Date Initiated:** 11/6/24

Current Degree (BS, MS, etc.): Minor

Current Major: English

Current Concentration(s):

Current Campus(es): ☑ Starkville ☐ Meridian ☐ Distance ☐ Gulf Coast*

*Gulf Coast campus for Bagley College of Engineering onl

New Degree (BS, MS, etc.):

Effective Date:

Semester	Year
Fall	2025

**Any new program or modification desiring a starting semester other than fall must include a justification

Proposed Major:

Proposed Concentration(s):

Proposed Campus(es)

- ☐ Starkville
- ☐ Meridian
- ☐ Distance
- ☐ Gulf Coast*

*Gulf Coast campus for Bagley College of Engineering c

Summary of Proposed Changes:

The requirements of the English minor are being changed to streamline the prevention of excessive duplication with the other minors housed in the English department. Students whose coursework satisfies the requirements of any other minor housed in the English department must complete 12 additional hours of English classes in order to earn the English minor as well.

Approved:	Date:
Department Head	12/10/2024
Director of Academic Quality	12/10/2024
Chair, College or School Curriculum Committee	1/25/25
Dean of College or School	2/3/25
Chair, University Committee on Courses and Curricula	
Chair, Graduate Council (if applicable)	
Chair, Deans Council	

FOR OIRE USE ONLY

- ☐ Substantive Change to SACSCOC
- ☐ Notification to SACSCOC
- ☑ No significant departure

OIRE Representative Initials

CURRENT Degree Description	PROPOSED Degree Description
Degree: Minor in English	Degree: Minor in English
The study of English not only gives students knowledge of language and literature but also helps to develop their ability to read perceptively, think critically, analyze problems, and write correctly and persuasively. For this reason, studying English has traditionally been viewed as good training for careers in law, government, business, and publishing, as well as for careers in teaching and writing. English minors take at least 18 hours of English electives with a grade of C or better beyond completion of the freshman composition requirement of their major. Of these hours, at least six must be at the 4000 level; these must be completed in residence. *No more than six hours may be linguistics classes, i.e., classes which count toward the linguistics minor. No more than two classes may be classes which count toward the minor in Film Studies. Students who are earning the Creative Writing minor must complete 12 hours of English classes in addition to the requirements for that minor* in order to earn the English minor as well. Students pursuing the English minor should consult the English major advisor to plan a minor program which will complement their major studies and career interests.	The study of English not only gives students knowledge of language and literature but also helps to develop their ability to read perceptively, think critically, analyze problems, and write correctly and persuasively. For this reason, studying English has traditionally been viewed as good training for careers in law, government, business, and publishing, as well as for careers in teaching and writing. English minors take at least 18 hours of English electives with a grade of C or better beyond completion of the freshman composition requirement of their major. Of these hours, at least six must be at the 4000 level; these **six hours** must be completed in residence. **Students whose coursework satisfies the requirements of any other minor housed in the English department must complete 12 additional hours of English classes** in order to earn the English minor as well. Students pursuing the English minor should consult the English major advisor to plan a minor program which will complement their major studies and career interests.

CURRENT CURRICULUM OUTLINE	Required Hours	PROPOSED CURRICULUM OUTLINE	Required Hours
EN courses at the 2000-3000 level	0-12	EN courses at the 2000-3000 level	0-12
EN courses at the 4000 level	6-18	EN courses at the 4000 level	6-18
Total Hours	18	Total Hours	18

Justification

The requirements of the English minor are being changed to streamline the prevention of excessive duplication with the other minors housed in the English department, which are currently Creative Writing, Film, Linguistics, and TESOL. The curricula for all of these minors include many courses listed in English that could therefore also count toward the English minor. The restrictions currently in effect are slightly different between the different minors and cause unnecessary complication; the TESOL minor (previously certificate) was not previously included. With the proposed restriction, students are welcome to count courses from across the department toward their English minors but are also prevented from earning multiple minors using the same set of classes.

Letters of Support

Please see the letter from the Department of English attached.

4-Letter Abbreviation: ENGL

CIP Code: 23.01

Effective Date: Fall 2025

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

TO: Andy Perkins
Chair, University Committee on Courses and Curricula

FROM: Megan Smith
Chair, Department of English Curriculum Committee

RE: Program Change for the Minor in English

DATE: December 4, 2024

The English Department Curriculum Committee voted on November 13, 2024 to approve the revisions to the English minor to clarify that courses that satisfy the English minor are separate from courses that satisfy requirements for other minors that are housed in the department. The English department faculty voted to approve these changes on December 4, 2024.

Signed,

Megan Smith, Chair

Emily Stinson

Ginger Pizer

Shalyn Claggett

Dhanashree Thorat

Andrea Spain

Saddiq Dzukogi

Peter De Gabriele

Ashleigh Murdock