



*English*

Studies in English provide preparation for the professions, government service, and politics. Career opportunities in English include teaching, journalism, publishing, advertising, and copywriting.

Students seeking an Associate Degree must take a writing course, either English B1 or B1a, and may take a literature class in fulfillment of the humanities requirement. Students seeking a Baccalaureate Degree should take English B1a and may take English B1b and other literature courses in fulfillment of specific General Education requirements. Students planning to major in English should take English B1a and B1b and at least two of the following: English B5a, B5b, B20a, B20b, B30a, B30b. Students planning to transfer to the University of California should consider English B2. *For specific information, students should consult the catalog of the school to which they intend to transfer.*

### ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPOSITION COURSES

Bakersfield College attempts to provide courses for all student abilities so students can be successful and advance toward educational objectives. Academic Development B68, English B60, B1, and B1a are sequential courses designed to develop proficiency in writing. ENSL B3, B2, and B1 for speakers of other languages are parallel to the Academic Development and English courses. Eligibility for each of these courses depends on a student's writing ability. To place students into appropriate composition courses, the Assessment Center administers a combination objective/essay placement test, which students must complete prior to taking composition classes. Eligibility for ENSL courses is determined by placement testing in the International Student Center.

Eligibility for specific courses at placement are as follows: students placed at level 6 on the assessment tests are eligible for English B1a; those at level 5 are eligible for English B1; those at level 4 are eligible for English B60; and those at level 3 are eligible for Academic Development B68 (see Academic Development department).

After being placed, students must pass the course for that level with a minimum grade of "C" before advancing to the next level. **Students who do not meet eligibility requirements will be denied admission into composition courses unless they have obtained prior written authorization from a counselor.**

### ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM

#### Required Courses: 18 units

Course Number	Title	Units
ENGL B1a	Expository Composition	4.0
ENGL B1b	Introduction to Types of Literature	3.0
<i>Choose 6 units from the following:</i>		6.0
ENGL B5ab	Survey of English Literature (3-3.0)	
ENGL B20ab	Survey of World Literature (3-3.0)	
ENGL B30ab	Survey of American Literature (3-3.0)	

#### Electives: at least 5 units

ENGL B2	Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking	5.0
ENGL B10	Introduction to Shakespeare	3.0
ENGL B11	Modern Drama	3.0
ENGL B12	Modern Short Fiction	3.0
ENGL B21	African-American Literature	3.0
ENGL B23	Women's Literature	3.0
ENGL B27	The Bible as Literature	3.0
ENGL B28	Classical Mythology	3.0
ENGL B29	Science Fiction	3.0
ENGL B35	Children's Literature and Storytelling	3.0
ENGL B41a	Introduction to Creative Writing	3.0

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The following abbreviations are commonly used in the course descriptions: **lect** lecture; **lab** laboratory; **demo** demonstration; **Repeat** repeatability (see policy on course repetition); **CCS** Course Classification System. Hours given in parentheses are total hours for the course. Hours lecture, lab, etc., are hours required per week usually. **Offered:** F=course is offered fall semester; S=course is offered spring semester; SS=course is offered summer session. If there is no designation, the course is offered irregularly. Check with the department for information. Many classes are offered occasionally during the summer. Check the summer class schedule for additional course listings. Prerequisites are expressed as minimum requirements. (CSU) indicates transferable to California State Universities; (UC) indicates transferable to University of California.

### ENGLISH

*Credit limitations may apply. For specific information see a counselor or the transfer institution.*

#### ENGL B1 Introductory Composition (4 units)

Emphasizes the writing of expository and argumentative essays; also stresses the comprehension and analysis of readings. Satisfies the General Education requirement in written English for the AA and AS Degrees and prepares transfer students for ENGL B1a. **Prerequisite:** ENGL B60 with a grade of "C" or "CR" or English Level 5. **Hours:** (72) 4 lect. **Offered:** F, S, SS. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

#### ENGL B1a Expository Composition (4 units)

Expository writing and reading. Emphasizes the organization and development of expository essays, study of style, application of critical thinking and writing skills, and preparation of a research paper. **Prerequisite:** ENGL B1 or ENSL B1 with a grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Hours:** (72) 4 lect. **Offered:** F, S, SS. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC,

CSU and private colleges. (CAN ENGL 2) (ENGL B1a + B1b = CAN ENGL SEQ A)

### **ENGL B1b Introduction to Types of Literature (3 units)**

An introductory course in literature, comprising critical analysis of notable works in prose fiction, drama and poetry, with emphasis on evaluating the logical relationship between form and content and on formulating criteria for artistic judgment. Continued instruction in the communication skills of writing, listening and discussing. **Prerequisite:** Eligibility for ENGL B1a. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S, SS. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. (CAN ENGL 4) (ENGL B1a + B1b = CAN ENGL SEQ A)

### **ENGL B2 Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking (5 units)**

Expository writing, reading of expository and literary works; study of the most important ideas in great works in philosophy, natural science, literature, and the social and behavioral sciences; survey of methods of critical thinking and advanced composition. **Prerequisite:** ENGL B1a with a minimum grade of "C." **Hours:** (90) 4 lect/disc plus 1 hour arranged. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

### **ENGL B5a-B5b Survey of English Literature (3-3 units)**

A historical survey of English literature, emphasizing critical reading of representative works from Beowulf to James Joyce. Usually includes a field trip to the Huntington Library (San Marino, CA) for firsthand observation of manuscripts and printed books important to the history of English literature. Recommended for students whose major or minor is English and for students who desire to extend their knowledge of the literary tradition. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Recommended:** ENGL B1b. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S (two out of every three years). **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. (ENGL B5a + B5b = CAN ENGL SEQ B)

### **ENGL B10 Introduction to Shakespeare (3 units)**

Interdisciplinary approach to Shakespeare's work. Discussion and analysis of selected plays (tragedies, comedies, and histories) and the non-dramatic poetry. Content focuses on the historical, artistic, literary, theatrical, social, and moral influences of Renaissance England that contributed to Shakespeare's breadth, artistic progress, and literary achievement. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. Field trips may be required. **Offered:** F. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. **Note:** Not applicable for English majors at UC system.

### **ENGL B11 Modern Drama (3 units)**

An introductory course in modern drama, emphasizing critical analysis and providing a basis for appreciation of notable works of twentieth century drama. Provides an overview of theatre in the twentieth century. Continued instruction in the skills of writing, discussing, listening, and viewing dramatic productions. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

### **ENGL B12 Modern Fiction (3 units)**

Examines the development of modern fiction through a study of classic examples, with emphasis on the short novel and novel. Also examines trends in contemporary fiction through a study of short stories and novels, including the study of the elements of fiction and critical approaches to fiction. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

### **ENGL B20a-B20b Survey of World Literature (3-3 units)**

An historical survey of world literature, focusing on but not limited to Western world literature. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Recommended:** ENGL B1b. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S (two out of every three years). **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

### **ENGL B21 African-American Literature (3 units)**

Major authors, their works, themes and movements in African-American literature in America from colonial times to the present. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

### **ENGL B23 Women's Literature (3 units)**

Exploration of the roles of women as revealed through women's writing: short stories, novels, poetry, drama, and essays. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

### **ENGL B27 The Bible as Literature (3 units)**

Poetry and prose of the Bible, especially of the Old Testament. Includes lecture, discussion, and dramatic readings. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

**ENGL B28 Classical Mythology (3 units)**

A study of classical myth, saga, and local legend, primarily Greek and Roman. Includes Sumerian and Babylonian. Relates classical myths to historical and modern culture. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

**ENGL B29 Science Fiction (3 units)**

Through reading and discussing novels, short stories, graphic novels and viewing and discussing movies and videos, students will learn to define science fiction and identify principal themes. These themes include time travel, space exploration, encounters with extraterrestrials, extension of human powers through biological alteration and computer technology, creation of ideal societies (utopias), and ecological disaster. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

**ENGL B30a-B30b Survey of American Literature (3-3 units)**

A study of the most notable American authors from the colonial period to the present with emphasis on the intrinsic value of the literature. Recommended as an elective for majors in the humanities, history or education. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Recommended:** ENGL B1b. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S (two out of every three years). **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

**ENGL B34 Introduction to Library Research (1 unit)**

Familiarizes students with methods of research, a wide range of research materials, ways of evaluating the materials, and the preliminary steps in fitting the materials to a term paper topic and its thesis. **Recommended:** English Level 6 and concurrent enrollment in ENGL B1a. **Hours:** (18) 1 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

**ENGL B35 Children's Literature and Storytelling (3 units)**

Selection, reading, evaluation, and discussion of literature for pre-school, elementary, and intermediate grades, plus a practicum in sharing of that literature through oral presentation. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect/demo and field practice by arrangement. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

**ENGL B41abcd Introduction to Creative Writing (3-3-3-3 units)**

Creative writing of poetry, short plays and prose forms. Emphasizes creativity and control of language, sound,

imagery, and sense in poetry; character, plot, theme, and point of view in fiction and drama. Basics of submitting manuscripts to publishers. **Prerequisite:** Satisfactory completion of ENGL B1 with a minimum grade of "C" or English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S, SS. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

**ENGL B60 Basic Writing Skills (4 units)**

Review and application of fundamentals of standard English. Emphasizes sentence and paragraph writing. Practice in the writing process. **Prerequisite:** ACDV B68 or ENSL B3 with a minimum grade of "C" or "CR" or English Level 4. **Hours:** (72) 4 lect. **Offered:** F, S, SS. **CCS:** Precollegiate - basic skills. **Not Transferable:** Not degree applicable.

**ENGL B255 Supplemental Writing Lab (0.5 unit)**

Designed for English composition students desiring additional assistance in specific writing areas. Students will work on writing assignments from English courses in which they are concurrently enrolled. **Prerequisite:** Concurrent enrollment in ENGL B60 or ENGL B1 or ENGL B1a. **Hours:** (9) Hours by arrangement. Individualized instruction and supervised lab. **Repeat:** 3. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Not Transferable:** Not degree applicable.

**ENGL B261 Supervised Tutorial Writing Lab (0 units)**

Provides supervised lab time during which students may obtain individualized instruction in such areas as writing research, analysis, and organization. **Prerequisite:** Concurrent enrollment in ENGL B60, or ENGL B1, or ENGL B1a. **Hours:** (2-85) 2-5 individualized instruction and supervised lab. Open entry/open exit. **CCS:** Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Not Transferable:** Not degree applicable.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ENSL)**

Bakersfield College offers a complete program of courses for the ENSL student, including English, speech, reading courses, and counseling at the intermediate and advanced levels.

A comprehensive testing program has been especially designed to ensure that all foreign students are placed in the courses which will best suit their needs. **All ESL students are urged to take the Bakersfield College English as a Second Language Placement Test.**

*An International Student Advisor is available in the International Student Center to assist with scheduling of courses and to discuss academic as well as personal problems. All international students and other students for whom English is a second language are urged to visit the center and take advantage of the services offered there.*

**For course descriptions of ENSL courses, see Foreign Language.**

**For course descriptions of reading, spelling, vocabulary, and other writing courses, see Academic Development.**