

# English Department M.A. Certificate Worksheet

## Teaching Composition Requirements

The “Teaching Composition Certificate” is designed for individuals who seek formal recognition for completing an organized, integrated, specialized program of study: teaching composition. This certificate is recommended for those students preparing to teach writing at the community college level or for high school teachers seeking to update their knowledge of composition theory and practice. Upon successful completion of the designated course of study, a certificate will be awarded.

**Total Units Required for Certificate: 18\***

**A. Required Core Curricula: 12 units**

- ENGL 195A Writing Center Theory and Practice: Internships **OR**
- ENGL 410A Writing Center Theory and Practice: Internships \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 220A Teaching College Composition \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 220C Topics in Composition Studies \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 410E Teaching Basic Writing - Internship **OR**
- Teaching Associateship in English at Sacramento State \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Elective Course Work: 6 units**

Choose two of the following:

- ENGL 110J Traditional Grammar and Standard Usage \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 110Q English Grammar for ESL Teachers \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 120 Studies in Rhetoric and Composition Series\*\* \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 125B Writing and the Young Writer \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 125E Academic Reading and Writing for Second Language Students \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 215A Reading/Vocabulary Acquisition \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 215B ESL Writing/Composition \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 215C Pedagogical Grammar for TESOL \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 220 Rhetoric and Composition Series\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 225C Theoretical Issues in Adult Literacies \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 410B Internship - ESL Tutoring \_\_\_\_\_
- ENGL 410L Internship in Teaching Adult Reading \_\_\_\_\_

\* If a Teaching Associateship in English is completed, the total required units will be 15. Area A, core curricula, will be lessened by three units since English 410E would be substituted for the Associateship.

\*\*ENGL 120 Studies in Rhetoric and Composition Series is exclusive of ENGL 120A.

\*\*\*Taking a course in the ENGL 220 Rhetoric and Composition series would be in addition to required core courses ENGL 220A and ENGL 220C. Students are able to repeat 220C and other 220 topics courses as an elective since the subjects change from semester to semester.

**Notes:**

- Candidates must have an overall GPA of 3.0 in courses submitted for the certificate.
- All coursework must be completed in residence at CSUS to earn the certification.
- Once coursework is complete, students will submit the “Application for Certificate of Academic Achievement” to the Department Office, CLV 103. This form can be downloaded from the department website:  
<http://www.csus.edu/engl/certifs.htm>

**Course Deviation:**

- Any deviation (or substitution) for any of the electives or required courses should be discussed in advance with the Writing Programs Coordinator, whose approval must be obtained.