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Coursework Option to Satisfy Subject Matter Competency for the
English or Education Specialist Credential Programs

The following courses can be completed to satisfy the subject matter competency requirements for the Single Subject English or Education Specialist (Jr. or High School setting) Credential Programs. You may satisfy subject matter competency by:

1) Completing all the coursework as listed below. (**Note: Only courses listed below or its equivalent (assist.org) will be accepted) OR**
2) Completing all courses for a specific subtest(s) in combination with a passing score(s) on the other CSET subtests for social sciences.

All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher (CR or P is also acceptable). Course requirements may also be met with the following: passing score on equivalent AP or IB exams, articulated community college courses, or CLEP exams.

INSTRUCTIONS

If you are a current CSUF student or alum:
- Complete these forms according to the tips below. Courses can be in progress at the time of application. However, please note that final grades will be required to verify subject matter competency, and all courses must be completed prior to the start of the credential program.
- Upload the completed forms along with a Titan Degree Audit (TDA) or copies of official transcripts to your Cal State Apply application for the credential program. A signature by an advisor at the bottom of the form is not required at the time of application.

If you are an applicant who completed your degree outside of CSUF:
- Reach out to your alma matter where you received your bachelor's degree and inquire if your major department can conduct a coursework evaluation. Documentation of approved coursework evaluations by other institutions must have a formal signature completed by a credential analyst or approved SMC signer from that institution. A signed coursework option from another institution will not automatically be accepted and will be subject to a review by CSUF Credential Admissions.

Tips for completing the coursework evaluation forms:
- **Required course**: The courses listed (or equivalent, such as an articulated community college course) are the specific courses that must be completed to meet each requirement. If you believe you have completed the requirement with a course not included on the list, you must submit course syllabi with this document so that the course can be reviewed for approval.
- **Course or exam completed**: Enter the course or exam you completed for each requirement.
- **Completed @ (institution)**: Enter the institution at which the course was completed. If the requirement was met by equivalent exam, enter the exam taken.
- **Semester completed (Sem/Yr):** Enter the term the course was completed (for example Fall 2024). If the requirement was met by equivalent exam, enter the date the exam was taken.
- **Grade or score received:** If the course is currently in progress, then enter "IP."

For any questions regarding these forms, connect with the credential program advisor:	
Single Subject Credential Program:	**Education Specialist Credential Program:**
EDSCAdmissions@fullerton.edu	spedadvising@fullerton.edu
(657) 278-5591	(657)-278-3350

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Name:

CWID (if applicable)**:**

Email (if you are a *current* CSUF student, please include your student email)**:**

CSET English Subtest 1:
Reading Literature and Informational Texts; Composition and Rhetoric

Required Course	Course or Exam Completed	Completed @ (institution)	Semester Completed (Sem/Yr)	Grade or Score Received
ENGL 300				
ENGL 302* or 307				
ENGL 316				
Lower or Upper Division Literature Course				
Upper Division Literature Course				

*If ENGL 302 is used to achieve CSET 2 equivalency, ENGL 307 must be used for CSET 1 equivalency.

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Subtest 1 requirements met by coursework and/or exams: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Upon verification of all fields completed, as outlined above, the Credential Analyst, or other authorized signer, signature below verifies that Subject Matter Competency for subtest 1 has been met.

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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CSET English Subtest 2:
Language, Linguistics, and Literacy

Required Course	Course or Exam Completed	Completed @ (institution)	Semester Completed (Sem/Yr)	Grade or Score Received
ENGL 303				
ENGL 305				
Upper division Rhet/Com or Writing Course				
Upper division Rhet/Com or Writing Course				

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CSET English Subtest 3:
Reading Literature and Informational Texts; Composition and Rhetoric

Required Course	Course or Exam Completed	Completed @ (institution)	Semester Completed (Sem/Yr)	Grade or Score Received
ENGL 300*				
ENGL 302 or 307**				
ENGL 316				
Upper Division Literature Course				

* ENGL 300 is required if it did not count towards CSET 1 equivalency. If ENGL 300 fulfilled CSET 1 equivalency, then an additional literature or writing course should be substituted in its place.

**ENGL 302 or 307 is required if either course did not count toward CSET 1 equivalency. If ENGL 302 or 307 fulfilled CSET 1 equivalency, then an additional literature or writing course should be substituted.

***ENGL 316 is required if did not count towards CSET 1 equivalency. If ENGL 316 fulfilled CSET 1 equivalency, then an additional literature course should be substituted.

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Subtest 3 requirements met by coursework and/or exams: Yes ☐   No ☐

Comments:

Name: _____   **Title:** _____

Signature: _____   **Date:** _____

Upon verification of all fields completed, as outlined above, the Credential Analyst, or other authorized signer, signature below verifies that Subject Matter Competency for subtest 1 has been met.

Name: _____   **Title:** _____

Signature: _____   **Date:** _____

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**English CSET 4 equivalency cannot be determined by the
English Department as content falls outside the department's purview.**