

From: English Education Committee
To: English Department Executive Committee
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Subject: Revision of English Language Arts Minor

The state of Illinois has reduced the required credit hours for secondary teaching endorsements from 24 credits to 18 credits. In order to align with this change, the credit hours for the English Language Arts Minor (which serves candidates seeking a secondary endorsement in ELA) has been reduced as well. Reducing the size also makes sense as it brings it in line with our other English minors and minors across the campus which tend to be closer to 18 credits. The hope is that the reduced size will make the minor more appealing for students and will encourage students to move through this recommended path toward secondary endorsement rather than self-selecting courses that may not be as beneficial for their professional goals.