

English 4701: Being an English Teacher  
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Whether we acknowledge it as such or not, teaching is a political act, and the history of the teaching of English has been marked by constant tensions between those who advocate for tradition and those who favor a more progressive approach. We will examine how those tensions manifested in the teaching of writing, language, and literature at the secondary level. The course will also feature a major unit on the topic of book banning, particularly in recent years. While this course does not contribute towards licensure, it aims to provide you with an awareness of what's possible—and what's at stake—in being an English teacher. **NOTE:** This course does not contribute toward teacher licensure.