

B.A. in English

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Description

Literature is one of the core areas in the humanities. Literary studies are at the center of debates concerning culture, politics, education, and language. A degree in English enriches students' appreciation of literature and teaches students to think analytically and logically (in oral and written expression) and to appreciate the importance of using language correctly and effectively. An English degree is an excellent preparation for almost any professional occupation, including teaching, law, medicine, administration, and government-related work.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 124 General Education Requirements

See the 'General Education/Core Curriculum' for the School of Liberal Arts.

Course Requirements

A major in English for the B.A. degree consists of 42 semester hours, including 30 hours at the 300-level and above in addition to the 12 hours of 100- and 200-level courses required by the College of Liberal Arts. The following categories must be satisfied:

Semester Hours	Category	Course
6	Composition	101-102
6	Literary survey	221-Survey of World Literature I 222-Survey of World Literature II 223-Survey of American Literature I 224-Survey of American Literature II 225-Survey of British Literature I 226-Survey of British Literature II
6	Junior seminar	390-Major Authors of British Literature 391-Major Authors of American Literature 392-Major Authors of World Literature 396-Drama 397-Poetry 398-Literary Criticism
3	Shakespeare	385-Shakespeare
9	English electives	Courses at the 300-level or above
12	Adv English electives	Courses at the 400- or 500-level

One elective must be in literature before 1800.

Other Academic Requirements

Six hours of English composition are prerequisites for all 200-level literature courses. Six hours of 200-level literature courses are prerequisites for all 300-level and above English courses.

A student may take up to 15 hours in writing (including freshman courses) that will count toward the major. In lieu of one or two courses during the senior year, a student may take Senior Thesis 499 for 3 or 6 credits with approval of the director of undergraduate studies.

