

# 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<br>222-Survey of World Literature II<br>223-Survey of American Literature I<br>224-Survey of American Literature II<br>225-Survey of British Literature I<br>226-Survey of British Literature II |
| 6              | Junior seminar        | 390-Major Authors of British Literature<br>391-Major Authors of American Literature<br>392-Major Authors of World Literature<br>396-Drama<br>397-Poetry<br>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

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.

