

B.A. in English

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Description

Literature and literary studies are at the core of the humanities and at the center of debates concerning culture, politics, education, and language. The program of study in English not only enriches students' appreciation of literature and engages them in cultural debate but helps develop crucial skills in analytical thinking and clear, persuasive expression both in speech and in writing. An English degree is an ideal gateway for careers that emphasize communication and critical thinking including law, business, journalism, public service, and education.

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 |
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| 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

No more than 15 hours of writing courses (creative or expository, including freshman courses) 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.

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.

