

English Option I: Literature

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The Major

The undergraduate English Major—consisting of the Literature, Creative Writing, Credential Preparation, Honors, and Contract options—is designed for students who desire to concentrate in one of the different fields subsumed under the broader category of “English.” Students are required to choose one of these options at the time they declare their English major.

The Literature Option focuses on analytical reading of British and American Literature.

Careers

English studies provide a good academic foundation for radio and television broadcasting, editing, writing, politics, film and library work, journalism, criticism, advertising, public information, public relations, teaching and technical writing. Studies show that English as a pre-professional major is valuable preparation for future careers in law, medicine, business, and federal service.

For more information on the program, see the 2004-2006 University Catalog.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

Lower Division Required Courses (9 units)

ENGL 258 Major English Writers I
ENGL 259 Major English Writers II
ENGL 275 Major American Writers

Upper Division Required Courses (30 units)

A. Critical Writing (3 units)

ENGL 355 Writing About Literature

B. Literary Theory (3 units)

ENGL 436 Major Critical Theories

C. Literatures of Cultural Diversity (3 units)

Select one of the following:

ENGL 311 African-American Writing
ENGL 314 History of North Am Indian Lit
ENGL 368 Gay Male Writers
ENGL 369 Lesbian Writers
ENGL 371 Issues in Jewish-Am Writing
ENGL 431 Images of Women in Literature
ENGL 433 Women Authors
ENGL 434 19th-Century Women Novelists
ENGL 487 Latino/a Literature

**Consult an advisor for courses in other areas such as Asian Am and Chicano/a lit that may also satisfy this requirement.*

D. British Literature (9 units)

Select one course from the following:

ENGL 414 Chaucer
ENGL 416 Shakespeare, Selected Plays
ENGL 417 Shakespeare Survey
ENGL 418 English Dramas to 1642
ENGL 443 English Lit of the Middle Ages
ENGL 449 The English Renaissance

Select one course from the following:

ENGL 419 English Drama 1660-1880
ENGL 420 Milton
ENGL 452 17th Century Literature
ENGL 456 The Age of Enlightenment
ENGL 466 Major British Novelists I

Select one course from the following:

ENGL 458 The Romantic Age
ENGL 460 The Victorian Age
ENGL 467 Major British Novelists II

E. American Literature (3 units)

Select one course from the following:

ENGL 473 American Literature 1607-1860
ENGL 474 American Literature 1860-1912
ENGL 477 Major Am Novelists I: 19th C.

F. Twentieth Century Literature (6 units)

Select two courses from the following:

ENGL 427 Drama, Ibsen to the Present
ENGL 461 Modern British Literatures
ENGL 462 Contemporary British Lit
ENGL 463A Modern Poetry
ENGL 463B Contemporary Poetry
ENGL 468 Major Brit Novelists III
ENGL 475 American Lit 1912-1945
ENGL 476 Contemporary American Lit
ENGL 478 Major Am Novelists II: 20th C.

G. Senior Seminar (3 units)

ENGL 495 Senior Seminar in Literature

Upper Division Electives (9 units)

English 300, 305, 316, 364, 428, 429 are not permitted as electives in this option.

Total Units in the Major Option I: (48)

General Education (49 units)

To meet the 52-unit GE requirement, students may double count 3 units from the lower division major requirements (258, 259, 275) for both GE-Humanities and for the major.

Title V (6 units)

Additional Units (17 units)*

*Additional units may vary according to the individual student's program.

Students majoring in English are encouraged to take a foreign language as part of their college program.

Total Units Required for the Degree: 120

English Option I: Literature Course Sequencing Sample

FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 155, Freshman Composition, A-1	1. English 258, 259, 275 (choose one)
2. LD GE, Math, A-3	2. LD GE, Oral Communication, A-4
3. LD GE _____	3. LD GE, Critical Thinking, A-2
4. LD GE _____	4. LD GE _____
5. LD GE _____	5. LD GE _____

***Major advisement:** Students must enroll in 155 during their first semester. English 258, 259, and 275 should be completed in the first two years. ***General advisement:** Students must enroll in math A-3 during the first semester. Title V requirements should be completed by the end of the first two years.

SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 258, 259, 275 (choose one)	1. English 258, 259, 275 (choose one)
2. Title V _____	2. Title V _____
3. LD GE _____	3. LD GE _____
4. LD GE _____	4. LD GE _____
5. LD GE _____	5. LD GE _____

***Major advisement:** English 355 should be completed in either the 2nd semester of the 2nd year, or the 1st semester of the 3rd year.

THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	THIRD YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. English 355	1. English 436: Major Critical Theories
2. Literatures of Cultural Diversity	2. UD Literature Requirement
3. UD English Elective	3. UD Literature Requirement
4. UD GE	4. UD GE
5. Elective _____	5. Elective _____

***Major advisement:** English 436 and Literatures of Cultural Diversity should be completed by the end of the 3rd year. Students will need to complete 18 units of upper division American and British literature courses from selected areas and 9 units of upper division English electives (see restrictions). These classes may be taken in any order.

FOURTH YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER	FOURTH YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER
1. UD Literature Requirement	1. English 495: Senior Seminar
2. UD Literature Requirement	2. UD Literature Requirement
3. UD Literature Requirement	3. UD English Elective
4. UD English Elective	4. Elective _____
5. UD GE _____	5. Elective _____

***Major advisement:** English 495, Senior Seminar, requires senior status. ***General advisement:** In addition to all GE, Title V, and major requirements, students will need elective credits to complete the **120** units required for graduation. Upper division GE courses may **not** be double counted with upper division major courses. **This sequencing sample is based on an average semester enrollment of 15 units.**