

# B.A. English

# Language & Literature

The **English Language and Literature Major** will broaden your knowledge of literary history and traditions, develop your understanding of different cultures, and introduce you to the world's most brilliant writers. Our inclusive curriculum offers a diverse selection of courses that cross national borders, literary genres, and minoritized cultures. This degree will prepare you with essential skills in persuasive communication, analytical reasoning, creative thinking, and emotional intelligence that are most in demand by employers in a variety of professional fields, including teaching, training, writing, publishing, law, research, business, and government. Our faculty is comprised of excellent teacher-scholars who genuinely care about you, the student. We actively publish in scholarly journals and present at conferences, while closely mentoring students in research, writing, professionalization, and preparation for graduate study.

## Core Courses

**Five courses required.** Gain a foundation in language and literary studies and compile a capstone writing portfolio.

- ENG 302 Poetry and Poetics (5)
- ENG 303 Principles of English Studies (5)
- ENG 320 English Grammar (5)
- ENG 418 Literary and Critical Theory (5)
- ENG 489 Senior Colloquium (2)

## Literature and Culture

**Two courses required.** Examine specific literary traditions through the lens of culture, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality.

- ENG 329 Cultural Studies in Literature (5)
- ENG 330 African American Literature (5)
- ENG 331 Latina/o Literature (5)
- ENG 332 American Indian Literature (5)
- ENG 333 Asian American Literature (5)
- ENG 334 American Indian Oral & Nonfiction Lit. (5)
- ENG 335 Women's Literature (5)
- ENG 337 LGBTQ+ Literature (5)

## Language and Linguistics

**One course required.** Explore the richness and diversity of the English language.

- ENG 420 English Linguistics (5)
- ENG 423 History of the English Language (5)
- ENG 434 Discourse Analysis (5)

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## Literature and History

**Two courses required.** Study movements or periods in British, American, World, or Transnational literatures in historical context. Each can be repeated with a different subtitle.

- ENG 363 Shakespeare (5)
- ENG 371 Literature and History I (5) Classical era -1750
- ENG 372 Literature and History II (5) 1750 -1850
- ENG 373 Literature and History III (5) 1800 -1950
- ENG 374 Literature and History IV (5) 1950 - present

### **Recent Literature and History Topics:**

*The Idea of the City in Early Modern England*  
*Captive in Early America*  
*Trans-Atlantic Modernisms*  
*Living in the 1980s*

## Literary Forms

**Two courses required.** Focus on specific periods, movements, or themes within a genre. Each may be repeated for credit under a different subtitle.

- ENG 380 Studies in Drama (5)
- ENG 453 Studies in Fiction (5)
- ENG 454 Studies in Nonfiction (5)
- ENG 455 Studies in Poetry (5)

### **Recent Literary Forms Topics:**

*Trickster Fiction*  
*Fierce Attachments*  
*Surrealism, Dreams, and the Duende*

## Critical Studies

**One course required.** Use a critical or theoretical approach to focus on special topics.

- ENG 415 Critical Studies in American Literature (5)
- ENG 417 Critical Studies in World Literature (5)
- ENG 419 Critical Studies in British Literature (5)

### **Recent Critical Studies Topics:**

*American Indian Literary Nationalism*  
*Transnational US Literature*  
*Forced Migration and Natural/National Disasters in the Pacific*  
*Rebellious Women: Medieval to Modernity*

## Electives

**Ten credits required.** Elective credits may be taken from any English literature, linguistics, creative writing, or film studies course at the 300-level or above. One 200-level course may be counted as an elective). No more than five credits of film studies may be counted as elective credits in the English Language and Literature major.

**Total credits: 72**