

B.A. in English: Literature Emphasis

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What is the study of English-Literature?

English engages students in diverse literary heritages, as well as fosters the development of sophisticated abilities in critical analysis, creative inquiry, reflective reading, and effective communication and expression. The Literary Studies program focuses on the study of literatures in historical and cultural contexts and includes course work in English language, literary theory, and composition and rhetoric.

Another program is a Writing concentration, in which courses in literature supplement a focus on writing courses: creative writing in fiction, drama, poetry, or nonfiction prose. There are also opportunities to pursue English Education, including Elementary and Secondary endorsements.

Students in the upper-divisional courses are expected to interpret and analyze literature in

thoughtful, organized, and clear essays that are free of grammatical and spelling errors. If you think you need help with your reading and writing, we strongly encourage you, in addition to your work in English courses, to consult the Writing Center and other university resources.

Why should I consider an English—Literature Major?

English is one of the central liberal arts degrees. A background in English provides graduates with a

sound basis for pursuing a variety of careers, including law, business, education, publishing and government, as

well as graduate work in language, literary and cultural studies, and writing.

Declaring an English—Literature Major:

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Department Degree Coordinator early in their careers at Western; students must declare their major by the start of their junior year. Due to overcrowding and limited funding, acceptance

into the major may be delayed and immediate access to specific courses during a specific quarter cannot be guaranteed.

Mid Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts degree in English within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

Coursework:

Complete ENG 202 or 203.

Other Activities:

Declare or apply for major.

Consult your major advisor about what courses can be accepted as equivalents to your major courses.

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Sample Career Fields:

- Law
- Business
- Education
- Author
- Government
- Elementary School Teacher
- Secondary School Teacher
- Publishing
- Graduate work in language
- Graduate work in Literary and Cultural Studies

English: Literature Emphasis Major Requirements: 60 Credits

Prerequisites: ENG 202 or ENG 203 or clearance

Required courses:

ENG 313 History of Critical and Cultural Theory (5)

ENG 370 Introduction to Language (5)

ENG 418 Senior Seminar (5)

Choose four of the following:

ENG 307 Literature and Culture I: Pre-16th Century (5)

ENG308 Literature and Culture II: 16th and 17th Centuries (5)

ENG 309 Literature and Culture III: 18th and 19th Centuries (5)

ENG 310 Literature and Culture IV: 19th and 20th Centuries (5)

ENG 311 Literature and Culture V: 20th and 21st Centuries (5)

Choose one of the following:

ENG 301 Writing Studies (5)

ENG 302 Introduction to Technical Writing (5)

ENG 350 Introduction to Creative Writing (5)

ENG 401 Senior Seminar in Writing and Rhetoric (5)

Electives: 20 credits (Note: 15 credits must be at the 400 level, 5 credits at either the 300 or 400 level)

ENG 304 Critical Introduction to Poetry (5)

ENG 312 Film and Culture (5)

ENG 327 Historically Marginalized Literatures (5)

ENG 335 Literary/Creative Expressions Across Cultures (5)

ENG 336 Scriptural Literatures (5)

ENG 338 Women and Literature (5)

ENG339 Mythology and Literature (5)

ENG 340 Comparative Literature (5)

ENG 347 Studies in Young Adult Literature (5)

ENG 351 Introduction to Fiction Writing (5)

ENG 353 Introduction to Poetry Writing (5)

ENG 354 Introduction to Creative Writing (5)

ENG 364 Introduction to Film Studies (5)

ENG 371 Studies in Rhetoric & Rhetorical Analysis (5)

ENG 402 Advanced Technical Writing (5)

ENG 406 Topics in Critical and Cultural Theory (5)

ENG 408 Cultural Studies (5)

ENG410 Studies in Literary History (5)

ENG 415 Special Topics in National Literatures (5)

ENG 423 Studies in Major Authors (5)

ENG 436 The Structure of English (5)

ENG 438 Cultural History of English (5)

ENG 439 Topics in Language and Linguistics (5)

ENG 440 Teaching English Language Arts in Elementary School (5)

ENG 441 Child Literature for Elementary and Middle School (5)

ENG 442 Studies in Literacy and Learning (5)

ENG 443 Teaching English Language Arts in the Secondary Schools I (5)

ENG 444 Teaching English Language Arts in the Secondary Schools II (5)

ENG 446 Teaching Writing in Elementary (5)

ENG 451 Creative Writing Workshop: Fiction (5)

ENG 453 Creative Writing Workshop: Poetry (5)

ENG 454 Creative Writing Workshop: Nonfiction Prose (5)

ENG 455 Living Writers (5)

ENG 456 Examining and Composing Fictional Modes (5)

ENG457 Examining and Composing Poetic Modes (5)

ENG 458 Examining and Composing Nonfiction Modes (5)

ENG 459 Editing and Publishing (5)

ENG 460 Special Topics in Creative Writing: Multigenre (5)

ENG 461 Internship in English: Professional Identity (5)

ENG 462 Topics in Technical and Professional Writing (5)

ENG 464 Topics in Film Studies (5)

These required or elective courses will also satisfy the GUR or other Graduation Requirement:

BCOM: ENG 202, ENG 203

HUM: ENG 336

ACGM: ENG 335

BGCM: ENG 338

WP: ENG 301, 302, 401, 402, 406, 408, 410, 415, 418, 423, 439, 443, 446, 462, 464

Other English options:

BA in English: Creative Writing Emphasis (58-60 credits)

B.A.Ed. in English Language Arts–Secondary (65 credits + 64 credits for Secondary Education Professional program)

BA in Ed in English–Elementary (45 credits + 107 credits for Elementary Education Professional program)

Minor in Creative Writing (25 credits)

Minor in English (25 credits)

Minor in Film Studies (23-25 credits)

Minor in Women's Literature (25 credits)