

Literature and Society

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

This degree map is based on the current Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Please note that the degree map is designed to give you a sense of roughly how courses might be distributed over a 4-year degree. Your exact schedule will differ depending on a range of factors though we recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester. Regular consultation with your academic advisor is the best way to make sure that you are taking the courses you need in the right order to ensure efficient progress through your degree program.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
WRIT 103 Foundations in Composition	3	ENGL 250 Literary Theory and Forms	3
First Year Seminar	3	ENGL 211 Grammars of English	3
Oral Communications General Education Course	3	Diversity General Education Course	3
History General Education Course	3	Global Perspectives General Education Course	3
Quantitative General Education Course	3	Foreign Language General Education Course	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Second Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ENGL 231 American Literature 2	3	Citizenship General Education Course	3
ENGL 240 British Literature 1	3	ENGL 290 Short Story	3
ENGL 280 Literature and Identity	3	ENGL 220 Global Literature	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
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Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Third Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ENGL 340 British Literature and Culture	3	ENGL 310 History of the English Language	3
First Natural World General Education Course	3	ENGL 350 Contemporary Literary Theory and Criticism	3
Ethical Reasoning General Education Course	3	ENGL 390 Shakespeare	3
Non-English Literature General Education Course	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	English Elective	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Fourth Year			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ENGL 491 Senior Seminar	3	ENGL 410 Genre in Context	3
Second Natural World General Education Course	3	Technologies General Education Course	3
ENGL 330 American Literature and Culture	3	Arts General Education Course	3
English Elective	3	Elective	3
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Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you complete general education requirements. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

Curriculum Checklist

Core (12 credits)

- ___ ENGL 211 Grammars of English (3)
- ___ ENGL 220 Global Literature Survey (3)
- ___ ENGL 250 Literary Theory and Forms (3)
- ___ ENGL 491 Senior Seminar (3)*

Literature Surveys (6 credits)

Select 2 Courses

- ___ ENGL 227 European Literature (3)
- ___ ENGL 228 Core Western Texts (3)
- ___ ENGL 230 American Literature 1 (3)
- ___ ENGL 231 American Literature 2 (3)
- ___ ENGL 240 British Literature 1 (3)
- ___ ENGL 241 British Literature 2 (3)

Diversity (3 credits)

Select 1 Course

- ___ ENGL 280 Literature and Identity (3)
- ___ ENGL 282 African American Literature (3)
- ___ ENGL 283 Literature and Ethnic Identity (3)
- ___ ENGL 284 Literature and Gender Identity (3)
- ___ ENGL 288 Feminist Reading of Culture (3)
- ___ ENGL 289 Sexualities and Literature (3)

Literature and Culture (6 credits)

Select 2 Courses; can repeat topics courses with different topics

- ___ ENGL 320 Global Literature and Culture (3)*
- ___ ENGL 330 American Literature and Culture (3)*
- ___ ENGL 340 British Literature and Culture (3)*
- ___ ENGL 360 Literature in Media and Culture (3)*

Author in Context (3 credits)

Select 1 Course

- ___ ENGL 390 Shakespeare (3)*
- ___ ENGL 391 Author(s) in Context (3)*

Power of Language (6 Credits)

Select 2 Courses

- ___ ENGL 310 History of the English Language (3)*
- ___ ENGL 350 Contemporary Literary Theory and Criticism (3)*
- ___ ENGL 370 Advanced Writing Rhetoric (3)*
- ___ ENGL 371 Composition Theory (3)*
- ___ LING 311 Introduction to Linguistics (3)*

Electives (6 Credits)

Select 2 Courses.

- ___ ENGL 281 Civil Rights Novel (3)
- ___ ENGL 290 Short Story (3)
- ___ ENGL 291 Poetry (3)
- ___ ENGL 292 Creative Nonfiction (3)
- ___ ENGL 420 Studies in a Genre (3)*
- ___ ENGL 470 Young Adult Literature (3)*

Additional diversity courses can be counted as electives.

Repeated sections of a topics course can be counted as an elective.

*Denotes advanced coursework.

General Education Requirements (45 credits)

Note: English does not have any directed general education courses. The department strongly encourages students to fulfill the Literature requirement using a course from another department.

- Foundations (15 credits)
- Interconnections (9 credits)
- Citizenship & Responsibility (6 credits from at least two goals)
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits and complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor to take a minimum of 42 credits of advanced coursework. Advanced coursework can be met in major courses, minor courses, free elective courses, and general education courses. Courses that meet this requirement are designated in Banner. They must also complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

Students must take at least one American literature and one British literature course to graduate.

Minors The Department of English urges all students to declare a minor. Courses on the degree map marked "Elective" could be courses for a minor. Courses marked "English Elective" should be courses selected from among those indicated as electives on the Curriculum Checklist. Please consult with your advisor during your first semester to determine a suitable minor.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required.