

Literary Studies Major

(14 units)

- 1) Ten departmental units:
 - a) English 190, 195, 196, 205; and 301 or 310.
 - b) Five additional literature units: at least 1 of which must be in American literature, and at least 1 must be in British literature. Of these 5 units, 2 must be in early literature (251, 252, 256) and 2 must be in later literature (253, 254, 257, 258). These 5 units must also include either English 246 or two theory-designated “TD” courses.
- 2) Completion of one of the following:
 - a) Symposium Day presentation, based on substantial research project (e.g., honors thesis, special project, revised course paper). OR
 - b) Portfolio, which includes the following two sections:
 - i) Compilation of 20 pages of the best and/or most representative work from literary studies courses.
 - ii) Reflection (2-3 pages) on the portfolio (which might include an account of the selection process, brief explanation of the work selected, a cumulative response to literary studies courses, and/or a charting of progress in critical skills).
- 3) Four supporting courses: Four courses chosen in consultation with the advisor.

- 4) Writing/communication requirement:

Instruction in writing is an integral part of the department of English and its mission of liberal education. We teach students how to express, in prose and verse, the elusive emotion, the abstract concept, the imagined world. We teach students how to use language clearly and precisely so they can learn to think critically, argue persuasively, and craft stories and poems distinctively. In teaching students to write well, we are also teaching them to read well, so that literary and other texts come fully alive as subjects of study, models of reasoning, and sources of discovery. Thus, majors in the English department—and students in our classes—learn to communicate effectively in expository, analytical, and imaginative writing. They do so in part by becoming close readers of their own and others’ use of language, whether in literary studies or creative writing.

Majors who plan graduate work in literary studies should elect more than the minimum requirements. In addition, such students should acquire a thorough reading knowledge of at least one foreign language.

Creative Writing Major

(13 units)

- 1) Nine departmental units:
 - a) English 190, 195, 196, and 205.
 - b) Two advanced creative writing courses from 210, 215, 220, or 226.
 - c) Three additional English units, including at least 1 but no more than 2 creative writing units. (English 310 may count as an additional creative writing course.)
- 2) Completion of one of the following:
 - a) Public performance of the student’s writing; OR
 - b) Printed booklet containing student’s writing.
- 3) Four supporting courses: Four courses chosen in consultation with the advisor.
- 4) Journalism 228 can count either as a literary studies elective for the creative writing major or as a supporting course.

5) Writing/communication requirement: *see literary studies major.*

Majors in creative writing who plan graduate study are strongly advised to select additional courses in literature in consultation with the major advisor. Such students should also acquire a thorough reading knowledge of at least one foreign language.

Students majoring in other disciplines who wish to improve their writing skills should take a course such as English 160.

Double Majors: *Students who complete requirements for any two English majors are recognized as double majors in English. Such students must complete normal major requirements for supporting courses. Double majors also are subject to the normal restriction of a maximum of 13 department course units for major credit, and a minimum of 18 course units outside the department for graduation credit.*

Special Projects: *No more than 1 unit of standard special projects credit may be applied toward any major.*

Teacher Certification: *Students intending to teach on the elementary or secondary level should confer as soon as possible with the department of education and youth studies and with the appropriate advisor in the department of English.*

English Minor

(6 units)

- 1) English 190, 195, 196.
- 2) Two from 160, 197, 205, 234, 251, 252, 253, 254, 256, 257, 258.
- 3) One from 246, 271, 301, 310, 360.

Students with a major in the English department may not elect this minor.

Journalism Minor

(See chapter 3)