

# English Literature Major

## Program Requirements

- **Total units required:** 30

### Required Courses

Code	Title	Units
E Lit 2151	Literature in English: Early Texts and Contexts	3
E Lit 2152	Literature in English: Modern Texts and Contexts	3
E Lit 3552	Introduction to Literary Theory	3

### Requirements

In addition to the 9 units of required coursework, students must complete 21 units of upper-division (300- and 400-level) course work (at least 6 units of which must be at the 400 level), distributed as follows. Students must earn a C or better in all courses to count them toward the major:

#### 1. Historical requirements

- Three historical courses, covering three of the following five historical periods in American, British, or Anglophone literature and including at least one course from each of the following two groups:

##### Group 1

- Medieval
- Early Modern

##### Group 2

- The 18th Century
- The 19th Century
- The 20th Century and Later

#### 2. One course centered on either global or minority literatures

At least one 300- or 400-level literature course must be taken in one of the following areas:

- *Global literatures* in English, defined as the Anglophone literatures of Africa, the Caribbean, South Asia, and other non-British or non-U.S. territories
- *Minority literatures* of the United States or the United Kingdom, which include Anglophone African American, Asian American, Native American, Latinx, and Black British writing.

Each semester, official course listings will designate the courses selected by the English Department Curriculum Committee that may be chosen to meet this requirement. Courses applied to this requirement may also satisfy other English major requirements involving historical range (requirement 1) and the need to complete two 400-level courses (requirement 4).

#### 3. Portfolio capstone

All majors are required to complete a portfolio capstone project, for which the student provides a 200-level paper, a 400-level paper, and a brief essay (two to three pages) that reflects on the student's overall learning experience in the major.

### Additional Information

- Only one cross-listed course not home-based in English may be counted toward the 21 units required. The two required 400-level courses must be home-based in English.
- A maximum of 6 units from the School of Continuing & Professional Studies and/or Summer School courses may count toward the major. These selections require English department approval.
- Study abroad students are expected to complete the 200-level prerequisite courses and at least two upper-level courses in English literature before going abroad.
- 3 units of 300- or 400-level courses in the literature of a language other than English may be counted toward the English major.
- Before the end of their junior year, majors are encouraged to consult with advisors regarding the fulfillment of major requirements.

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