Literary study provides content knowledge of literature from various time periods and cultures while honing skills of self-expression and reasoning. The study of literature increases insights into human behavior; emphasizes reading comprehension, critical thinking, and writing skills; elevates social and historical consciousness; fosters success in communication and interpersonal interchanges; and enhances creative abilities. The literature curriculum teaches ethical complexity, interpretative multiplicity, and the importance of empathy in human relations.

Businesses across all lines recognize and reward soft skills-training and value those employees who show aptitude in adapting to a changing and rapidly growing culture. Many professional schools benefit from applicants with a degree in English/Literature. Law schools historically have appreciated the skills our students bring. Medical, business, and professional schools are taking an increasing number of English degree holders, as well as implementing a more humanities-based curriculum that includes courses in literary studies as a means of achieving empathy and cultural-awareness training.

**Literature students will...**

- Develop key skills in navigating today's fast-changing world: written and oral communication, digital and traditional research methods, textual analysis, and understanding of our global community.
- Interact with qualified, award winning faculty in a small-class environment.
- Gain skills necessary for a wide array of career paths.
- Gain professional experience by having access to English department resources including internationally renowned Center for Faulkner Studies, Southeast Missouri State University Press, Center for Writing Excellence, and student-run journals such as Literati: An Annual Journal of Literary Studies and Journey.
- Study narrative strategies, critical theory, historical and cultural context, and diverse literary genres.

**Career Planning**

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*Career Services,* located in Academic Hall 057, provides professional career advising to guide students in their career development.

**Internship Opportunities, Employment Opportunities, Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates**

- Public and private schools
- Libraries
- Ph.D. programs
- Law schools and other professional programs
- Non-profit organizations
- Health care industry
- Publishing and editing
- Local, state, and federal governments
- Parks and recreation
- Financial industries
- Technical and professional writing
- Human resources
- Marketing/Advertising
This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST**

**English: Literature Option** – 36 hours – Minor required

**Writing – Choose 6 Hours From:**
- EN201 Writing About Literature (3)
- EN275 Introduction to Creative Writing (3)
- EN376 Advanced Composition (3)

**Surveys – Choose 9 Hours From:**
- LI260 English Literature I (3)
- LI261 English Literature II (3)
- LI270 American Literature I (3)
- LI271 American Literature II (3)

**World Survey – Choose 3 Hours From:**
- LI311 World Literature I (3)
- LI312 World Literature II (3)

**Language – Choose 3 Hours From:**
- EN486 Sociolinguistics (3)
- IU500 History of the English Language (3)
- IU501 Principles of Language (3)

**Literature Option**
- LI601 Literature Portfolio

**Early English Literature – Choose 3 Hours From:**
- LI603 Chaucer (3)
- LI677 Studies in Early English Literature (3)
- UI431 Shakespeare Tragedies & the Human Condition (3)
- UI432 Shakespeare History/Comedies & the Human Condition (3)

**Late English Literature – Choose 3 Hours From:**
- LI676 Early Twentieth-Century British Literature (3)
- LI678 Studies in Later English Literature (3)
- UD341 Victorian Studies (3)

**American Literature – Choose 6 Hours From:**
- LI421 Cross-Cultural American Voices (3)
- LI565 Southern Literature (3)
- LI568 19th Century American Novel (3)
- LI570 Modern/Contemporary American Novel (3)
- LI571 Contemporary American Poetry (3)
- LI576 American Fiction of the 21st Century (3)

**World Literature – Choose 3 Hours From:**
- LI610 Literature and the Bible (3)
- LI672 The Modern Essay (3)
- LI674 Australian Literature (3)
- LI677 Women and Madness (3)
- LI632 Images of Women in Literature (3)

**Additional Requirements – 9 Hours Required**
- 9 Hours in One or Two Foreign Languages
- 6 Hours in One Foreign Language
- 3 Hours from one of the following:
  - AN341 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (3)
  - EN376 Grammar of English (3)
  - EN486 Sociolinguistics (3)
  - IU500 History of the English Language (3)
  - IU501 Principles of Language (3)

* If not taken elsewhere in the major

**University Studies Requirements** (not already listed above):
- UI100 First Year Seminar
- EN100 English Composition
- Artistic Expression
- Written Expression
- Literary Expression
- Behavioral Systems
- Living Systems
- Logical Systems
- Physical Systems
- Development of a Major Civilization
- Economic Systems
- Political Systems
- Social Systems
- and two IU/UI4XX

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**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

**English: Literature Option**

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Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the freshman and senior levels.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e. minimum GPA and coursework) for your program of study.