

## Bachelor of Arts (BA)

# Literature Option

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

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad. Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students		
CL001/CL002	First Semester	Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.
CL003	Junior Year	Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources.
CL004	Senior Year	Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search.

### 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

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This is a guide based on the 2015-2016 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)
- \_\_\_ UI500 History of the English Language (3)
- \_\_\_ UI501 Principles of Language (3)

**Literature Option**

- \_\_\_ LI001 Literature Portfolio

**Early English Literature – Choose 3 Hours From:**

- \_\_\_ LI560 Chaucer (3)
- \_\_\_ LI577 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:**

- \_\_\_ LI476 Early Twentieth-Century British Literature (3)
- \_\_\_ LI578 Studies in Later English Literature (3)
- \_\_\_ UI341 Victorian Studies (3)

**American Literature – Choose 6 Hours From:**

- \_\_\_ LI421 Cross-Cultural American Voices (3)
- \_\_\_ LI565 Southern Literature (3)
- \_\_\_ LI568 19<sup>th</sup> Century American Novel (3)
- \_\_\_ LI570 Modern/Contemporary American Novel (3)
- \_\_\_ LI571 Contemporary American Poetry (3)
- \_\_\_ LI576 American Fiction of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (3)

**World Literature – Choose 3 Hours From:**

- \_\_\_ LI510 Literature and the Bible (3)
- \_\_\_ LI572 The Modern Essay (3)
- \_\_\_ LI574 Australian Literature (3)
- \_\_\_ LI587 Women and Madness (3)
- \_\_\_ UI332 Images of Women in Literature (3)

**Additional Requirements – 9 Hours Required**

- \_\_\_ 9 Hours in One or Two Foreign Languages

OR

- \_\_\_ 6 Hours in One Foreign Language

AND

3 Hours from one of the following:

- \_\_\_ AN341 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (3)
- \_\_\_ EN378 Grammars of English (3)
- \_\_\_ EN486 Sociolinguistics (3)\*
- \_\_\_ UI500 History of the English Language (3)\*
- \_\_\_ UI501 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/UI3XX\*, UI4XX/5XX\*.

\* if not taken as a major requirement

**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	UI100	3	Foreign Language 1	3
	EN100	3	Behavioral Systems	3
	Artistic Expression	3	Develop of a Major Civ	3
	Logical Systems	3	Physical Systems	3
	Social Systems	3	Written Expression	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	Foreign Language 2	3	Additional Requirement 3	3
	Surveys Core 1	3	Surveys Core 2	3
	Writing Core 1	3	Writing Core 2	3
	Literary Expression	3	Economic Systems	3
	Political Systems	3	Living Systems	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>THIRD YEAR</b>	Surveys Core 3	3	Surveys Core 4	3
	Literature Option Course	3	Literature Option Course	3
	IU/UI3xx	3	IU/UI3XX	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>	LI001	0	Literature Option Course	3
	Language Core Course	3	Minor Course/Elective	3
	Literature Option Course	3	Minor Course/Elective	3
	Literature Option Course	3	Minor Course/Elective	3
	UI4XX/5XX	3	Minor Course/Elective	3
	Minor Course	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	

**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 senior level.

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