

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)****English Option**

Literary study provides students with 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 the most 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, but more recently 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 their goal in 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 an understanding of our global community
- Interact with highly qualified, award winning faculty in a small-class environment
- Gain skills necessary for a wide array of career paths
- Have the opportunity to 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. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship.

The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

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

- Public and private parochial 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

**B.A. in English (Literature)****Bachelor of Arts (BA)**

This is a guide based on the 2019-2020 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 Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST****BA English/Literature Option - 45 Hours Required – Minor required****Required Courses:****Writing – Choose 3 Hours From:**

\_\_\_ EN201 Writing About Literature (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:**

\_\_\_ LI211 World Literature I (3)

\_\_\_ LI212 World Literature II (3)

**Traditions and Foundations – Choose 6 Hours From:**

\_\_\_ LI568 19<sup>th</sup> Century American Literature (3)

\_\_\_ LI523 Studies in American Literature (3)

\_\_\_ LI577 Studies in Early English Lit (3)

\_\_\_ UI431 Shakespeare: Tragedies (3)

\_\_\_ UI432 Shakespeare: Histories and Comedies (3)

\_\_\_ UI341 Victorian Studies (3)

**Modern and Contemporary – Choose 6 Hours From:**

\_\_\_ LI421 Cross-Cultural American Voices (3)

\_\_\_ LI476 Early Twentieth-Century British Literature (3)

\_\_\_ LI565 Southern Literature (3)

\_\_\_ LI578 Studies in Late British and Post-Colonial Literature (3)

\_\_\_ LI570 Modern/Contemporary American Novel (3)

\_\_\_ LI571 Contemporary American Poetry (3)

\_\_\_ LI576 American Fiction of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (3)

**Multi-Cultural – Choose 3 Hours From:**

\_\_\_ LI309 Studies in World Literature (3)

\_\_\_ LI421 Cross-Cultural American Voices (3)

\_\_\_ LI578 Studies in Late British and Post-Colonial Literature (3)

\_\_\_ UI332 Images of Women in Literature (3)

\_\_\_ FL311 Survey of FR, GN, and SN Literature (3)

**Author Studies – Choose 3 Hours From:**

\_\_\_ LI431 Faulkner Seminar (3)

\_\_\_ LI425 Focus on the Author (3)

\_\_\_ UI431 Shakespeare: Tragedies (3)

\_\_\_ UI432 Shakespeare: Histories and Comedies (3)

**Elective Courses – Choose 6 Hours From:**

\_\_\_ Any two LI or EN courses (or UI course not listed above) not already counting another category (6)

**Additional Requirements – 6 Hours Required**

\_\_\_ 6 Hours in One or Two Foreign Languages

**University Studies Requirements**— some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours
- Constitution requirement – 3 hours
- US History requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)

**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	UI100	3	Foreign Language 1	3
	EN100	3	EN201	3
	University Studies	3	EN140	3
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	University Studies	3	American/British II Survey	3
	University Studies	3	Traditions and Foundations	3
	American/British I Survey	3	LI212	3
	University Studies	3	University Studies	3
	Foreign Language 2	3	University Studies	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>THIRD YEAR</b>	American/British I Survey	3	Traditions and Foundations	3
	Literature or English Elective	3	Modern and Contemporary	3
	Multi-Cultural Option	3	Literature or English Elective	3
	Traditions and Foundations	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>	Modern and Contemporary	3	Elective	3
	Multi-Cultural	3	Elective	3
	Minor Course	3	Elective	3
	Author Studies	3	Elective	3
	Minor Course	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, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAP) at the senior level. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BA degree.

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