

# 2025 - 2026 Bachelor of Arts in English

## Option in Creative Writing

### 46 Units



Use this checklist in combination with your official Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This checklist is not intended to replace advising. Consult the advisor for appropriate course sequencing. *Curriculum changes in progress. Requirements subject to change.*

To be considered for admission to the major, complete the following Major Specific Requirements (MSR) by 60 units:

- Minimum 2.0 overall GPA
- Grades of "C" or better in GE Foundations, Arts and Humanities (Area 3), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4)
- First-Time, First-Years (Freshmen) who began in Fall 2021 or later: Grade of "C" or better in Ethnic Studies (Area 6)

| Courses  | Prerequisites  |
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| <b>Introduction to Critical Thinking</b> - Complete <b>ONE</b> of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better (3 units total): |                |
| ENGL 102: Critical Reading and Writing (3)   |                |
| ENGL 180: Appreciation of Literature (3)   |                |
| ENGL 204: Introduction to Creative Writing: Creative Nonfiction (3)  |                |
| <b>British Literature Survey</b> - Complete <b>ONE</b> of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better (4 units total):         |                |
| ENGL 250A: Survey of English Literature (4)  | GE Composition |
| ENGL 250B: Survey of English Literature (4)  | GE Composition |
| <b>American Literature Survey</b> - Complete <b>ONE</b> of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better (4 units total):        |                |
| ENGL 270A: Survey of American Literature (4)   | GE Composition |
| ENGL 270B: Survey of American Literature (4)   | GE Composition |

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| <b>Breadth</b> - Complete <b>ALL</b> of the following courses. ENGL 380 must be completed with a grade of "C" or better (11 units total): |   |
| ENGL 363: Shakespeare I (4)   | GE Foundations  |
| ENGL 375: U.S. Ethnic Writers (3)   | GE Foundations  |
| ENGL 380: Approaches to English Studies (4)   | ENGL 180 or Equivalent  |
| <b>Advanced Writing</b> - Complete <b>ONE</b> of the following courses (3 units total):   |   |
| ENGL 317: Professional and Technical Writing (3)  | GE Composition; Upper Division Standing                                 |
| ENGL 404: Creative Writing: Creative Nonfiction (3)   | One Lower Division Creative Writing Class with a Grade of "C" or Better |
| ENGL 410: Theories of Writing and Literacy (3)  | GE Foundations  |

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| <b>Creative Writing Option: Specific Courses</b> - Complete <b>21 UNITS</b> of upper division from the following (21 units total):   |   |
| <b>Creative Writing Junior Seminar</b> - Complete <b>ONE</b> of the following courses (3 units total):   |   |
| ENGL 304: Intermediate Creative Writing: Creative Nonfiction (3)   | One Lower Division Creative Writing Class                               |
| ENGL 305: Intermediate Creative Writing: Fiction (3)   | One Lower Division Creative Writing Class                               |
| ENGL 306: Intermediate Creative Writing: Poetry (3)  | One Lower Division Creative Writing Class                               |
| ENGL 307: Intermediate Creative Writing: The Novel (3)   | One Lower Division Creative Writing Class                               |
| <b>400-level Creative Writing Workshops</b> - Complete <b>9 UNITS</b> from any of the following courses in addition to ENGL 404 if taken for the Advanced Writing requirement above (9 units total): |   |
| ENGL 404: Creative Writing: Creative Nonfiction (3)  | One Lower Division Creative Writing Class with a Grade of "C" or Better |
| ENGL 405: Creative Writing: Short Story (3)  | One Lower Division Creative Writing Class with a Grade of "C" or Better |
| ENGL 406: Creative Writing: Poetry (3)   | One Lower Division Creative Writing Class with a Grade of "C" or Better |
| ENGL 407: Creative Writing: Novel (3)  | One Lower Division Creative Writing Class with a Grade of "C" or Better |

| English Literature, Literary Genres, Literary Criticism Courses - Complete <b>THREE</b> of the following courses (9 units total): |  |   |
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|   | ENGL 385: The Short Story (3)  | GE Foundations  |
|   | ENGL 386: Poetry (3)   | GE Foundations  |
|   | ENGL 459: English Literature of the Twentieth Century (1900 - Present) (3) |   |
|   | ENGL 460: Anglophone Postcolonial Literature (3)                           | GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing                                     |
|   | ENGL 466: Irish Literature in English (3)                                  |   |
|   | ENGL 467A/B: The English Novel (3)   |   |
|   | ENGL 469: Selected Topics - Major English Writers (4)                      | Senior Standing and 12 Units of Upper Division English (Including ENGL 380) |
|   | ENGL 470: American Ethnic Literatures (3)                                  |   |
|   | ENGL 474: Twentieth-Century American Literature (3)                        |   |
|   | ENGL 475: The American Short Story (3)                                     |   |
|   | ENGL 476A/B: American Poetry (3)   |   |
|   | ENGL 477A/B: The American Novel (3)  |   |
|   | ENGL 478: American Drama (3)   |   |
|   | ENGL 479: Selected Topics - Major American Writers (4)                     | Senior Standing and 12 Units of Upper Division English (Including ENGL 380) |
|   | ENGL 489: Selected Topics in Literatures Written in English (4)            | Senior Standing and 12 Units of Upper Division English (Including ENGL 380) |

**In order to graduate from CSULB, students must complete General Education/GWAR/Major requirements and have a minimum of 120 units (40 must be upper division) with at least a 2.0 in all GPAs (Overall, CSULB, Major).**

#### **Additional Information**

- **See online Catalog for additional course information, limitations, and requirements.**
- Some courses may also fulfill GE requirements. Visit the GE website for course selection: [csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements](http://csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements).
- A course can only be used to satisfy one major requirement. **Double counting is not allowed within the major.**
- The GE Composition requirement is a prerequisite for all upper division courses.
- ENGL 404, 405, 406, and 407 may be repeated for credit to a maximum of 6 units each.

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*Checklists are available on the [ATLAS website](#)*