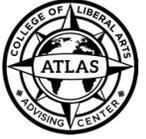


# 2025 - 2026 Bachelor of Arts in English

## Option in Literature

### 49 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
<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

<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

<b>Literature Option: Specific Courses</b> - Complete <b>24 UNITS</b> from the following requirements (24 units total):	
<b>Literature Survey Courses</b> - Complete the remaining <b>TWO</b> English/American literature survey courses in addition to the courses completed for the literature survey requirements above with grades of "C" or better (8 units total):	
ENGL 250A: Survey of English Literature (4)	GE Composition
ENGL 250B: Survey of English Literature (4)	GE Composition
ENGL 270A: Survey of American Literature (4)	GE Composition
ENGL 270B: Survey of American Literature (4)	GE Composition
<b>British Literature Period Course</b> - Complete <b>ONE</b> of the following courses (3 units total):	
ENGL 451: Medieval Literature of the British Isles (3)	
ENGL 452: Literature of the Renaissance (1500 - 1603) (3)	
ENGL 453: Literature of the Late Renaissance (1603 - 1660) (3)	
ENGL 455: English Literature of the Enlightenment (1660 - 1798) (3)	
ENGL 456: English Literature of the Romantic Period (1798 - 1832) (3)	
ENGL 458: English Poetry and Prose of the Victorian Age (1832 - 1900) (3)	

	ENGL 459: English Literature of the Twentieth Century (1900 - Present) (3)	
	ENGL 460: Anglophone Postcolonial Literature (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	ENGL 462: Chaucer (3)	
	ENGL 463: Shakespeare II (3)	ENGL 363
	ENGL 466: Irish Literature in English (3)	
	ENGL 467A/B: The English Novel (3)	
	ENGL 468: English Drama (3)	
<b>American Literature Period Course - Complete ONE of the following courses (3 units total):</b>		
	ENGL 470: American Ethnic Literatures (3)	
	ENGL 472: American Literature: 1820 - 1865 (3)	
	ENGL 473: American Literature: 1865 - 1918 (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)	
<b>Pre-1900 Literature Course - Complete ONE of the following courses <i>in addition</i> to the courses taken to fulfill the requirements above (3 units total):</b>		
	ENGL 451: Medieval Literature of the British Isles (3)	
	ENGL 452: Literature of the Renaissance (1500 - 1603) (3)	
	ENGL 453: Literature of the Late Renaissance (1603 - 1660) (3)	
	ENGL 455: English Literature of the Enlightenment (1660 - 1798) (3)	
	ENGL 456: English Literature of the Romantic Period (1798 - 1832) (3)	
	ENGL 458: English Poetry and Prose of the Victorian Age (1832 - 1900) (3)	
	ENGL 462: Chaucer (3)	
	ENGL 463: Shakespeare II (3)	ENGL 363
	ENGL 467A: The English Novel (3)	
	ENGL 471A: African American Literature to Reconstruction (3)	Senior Standing or Consent of Instructor
	ENGL 472: American Literature: 1820 - 1865 (3)	
	ENGL 473: American Literature: 1865 - 1918 (3)	
	ENGL 476A: American Poetry (3)	
	ENGL 477A: The American Novel (3)	
<b>Senior Seminar - Complete ONE of the following senior seminar courses (4 units total):</b>		
	ENGL 469: Selected Topics - Major English Writers (4)	Senior Standing and 12 Units of Upper Division English (Including ENGL 380)
	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)
<b>Upper Division Elective - Complete 3 UNITS of an additional upper division English literature course (3 units total):</b>		
	Elective:	

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.

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