

2025 - 2026 Bachelor of Arts in English

Option in Rhetoric and Composition

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 Degree Requirements (MSDR) 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
Introduction to Critical Thinking - Complete ONE 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)	
British Literature Survey - Complete ONE 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
American Literature Survey - Complete ONE 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

Breadth - Complete ALL 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
Advanced Writing - Complete ONE 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

Rhetoric and Composition Option: Specific Courses - Complete 21 UNITS from the following requirements (21 units total):	
Group 1 Courses - Complete TWO of the following courses in addition to the courses completed for the requirements above (6 units total):	
ENGL 300: Advanced Composition (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
ENGL 317: Professional and Technical Writing (3)	GE Composition; Upper Division Standing
ENGL 410: Theories of Writing and Literacy (3)	GE Foundations
ENGL 435: Teaching Composition (3)	
Group 2 Courses - Complete at least 15 UNITS from the following courses (15 units total):	
ENGL 320: English Grammar (4)	
ENGL 337: Technology in the English Classroom (3)	
ENGL 411: Research Methods in Rhetoric and Composition (4)	GE Foundations
ENGL 416: Technical Editing (4)	GE Foundations
ENGL 417: Proposal Writing (3)	GE Foundations
ENGL 418: Manual Writing (3)	GE Foundations

	ENGL 419: Writing in Science, Social Science, and Technology (3)	GE Foundations
	ENGL 488: Selected Topics in Rhetoric and Writing Studies (3)	GE Composition
	ENGL 493: Professional Preparation for Writers (3)	Upper Division Standing; Admission to the Professional Writing Certificate Program; ENGL 416, 417, 418, 419; Or Consent
	ENGL 494: Guided Project in Professional/Technical Writing (3)	Upper Division Standing; Admission to the Professional Writing Certificate Program; ENGL 416, 417, 418, 419
	ENGL 495: Professional Writing Certificate Portfolio (3)	Upper Division Standing; Admission to the Professional Writing Certificate Program; ENGL 416, 417, 418, 419
	ENGL 497: Theories and Practices of Individualized Writing Instruction (3)	Consent of Instructor

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.
- 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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