CSULB College of Liberal Arts Advising Center

2026 - 2027 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 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; Upper Division Standing
	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 Foundations; 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

Creative Writing Option: Specific Courses - Complete **21 UNITS** of upper division from the following (21 units total):		
Creative Writing Junior Seminar - Complete **ONE** 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
400-level Creative Writing Workshops - Complete **9 UNITS** 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

	Courses	Prerequisites
English Literature, Literary Genres, Literary Criticism Courses - Complete **THREE** of the following courses (9 units total):		
	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.
- 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