CSULB College of Liberal Arts Advising Center

2026 - 2027 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 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

Literature Option: Specific Courses - Complete **24 UNITS** from the following requirements (24 units total):		
Literature Survey Courses - Complete the remaining **TWO** 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
British Literature Period Course - Complete **ONE** 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)	

	Courses	Prerequisites
	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)	
American Literature Period Course - Complete **ONE** of the following courses (3 units total):		
	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)	
Pre-1900 Literature Course - Complete **ONE** of the following courses *in addition* to the courses taken to fulfill the requirements above (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 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)	
Senior Seminar - Complete **ONE** of the following senior seminar courses (4 units total):		
	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)
Upper Division Elective - Complete **3 UNITS** of an additional upper division English literature course (3 units total):		
	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.
- 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