



## 2026 - 2027 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.*

<b>To be considered for admission to the major, complete the following Major Specific Degree Requirements (MSDR) by 60 units:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 2.0 overall GPA</li> <li>• Grades of "C" or better in GE Foundations, Arts and Humanities (Area 3), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4)</li> <li>• First-Time, First-Years (Freshmen) who began in Fall 2021 or later: Grade of "C" or better in Ethnic Studies (Area 6)</li> </ul>	

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; Upper Division Standing
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 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

<b>Rhetoric and Composition Option: Specific Courses</b> - Complete <b>21 UNITS</b> from the following requirements (21 units total):	
<b>Group 1 Courses</b> - Complete <b>TWO</b> 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 Foundations; Upper Division Standing
ENGL 410: Theories of Writing and Literacy (3)	GE Foundations
ENGL 435: Teaching Composition (3)	
<b>Group 2 Courses</b> - Complete at least <b>15 UNITS</b> 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

	Courses	Prerequisites
	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](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.

**Department of English**

[csulb.edu/college-of-liberal-arts/english](http://csulb.edu/college-of-liberal-arts/english)

**English Advising**

[csulb.edu/college-of-liberal-arts/english/advising](http://csulb.edu/college-of-liberal-arts/english/advising)

**College of Liberal Arts Advising Center (ATLAS)**

[csulb.edu/atlas](http://csulb.edu/atlas)

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