

**SAMPLE Four-Year Plan**  
**B.A. English Literature**  
**FALL 2023 Requirements**

The curriculum in the English Literature major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that an English Literature degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

**First Year**

| Fall Semester   | Units     |
|---|-----------|
| <b>English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading</b> | 3         |
| Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives                      | 3         |
| <b>BA World Language course</b>                         | 4         |
| General Education elective                              | 3         |
| PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life         | 1         |
| Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar                 | 1         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                                    | <b>15</b> |

| Spring Semester   | Units     |
|---|-----------|
| <b>English 102 Intro College Writing, Reading, Research</b> | 3         |
| Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society                       | 3         |
| <b>BA World Language course</b>                             | 4         |
| Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning                             | 3         |
| U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity Course                         | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  | <b>16</b> |

**Notes:** The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encourage to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration). For the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements, students must complete two semesters of a world language or demonstrate proficiency in a world language through the second level on the UW System placement test in Spanish, French, or German. Students who are native speakers of a language other than English are eligible to waive the language requirement.

**Opportunities:** There are several co-curricular opportunities for students interested in literature. *The Muse* is the UW-Whitewater student arts and literary magazine <https://blogs.uww.edu/themuse/>. The Warhawk Reading Series allows students to read and interact with visiting writers <https://thewarhawkreadingseries.wordpress.com/>.

**Second Year**

| Fall Semester  | Units     |
|--|-----------|
| English 271 Critical Writing in the Field of English | 3         |
| English 206 British Literature Survey I              | 3         |
| Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts                     | 3         |
| Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication       | 3         |
| Minor course   | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                                 | <b>15</b> |

| Spring Semester                          | Units     |
|--|-----------|
| English 226 American Literature Survey I | 3         |
| English 251, 252, or 281                 | 3         |
| English 344, 348, or 363                 | 3         |
| University Requirement GN/GQ course      | 3         |
| Minor course                             | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                     | <b>15</b> |

**Opportunities:** Many English Literature majors plan a study abroad experience during their sophomore year. Travel opportunities can be found through the Center for Global Education (<http://www.uww.edu/international>). In addition, faculty routinely organize and lead travel study courses that involve in-class learning during the semester followed by a short-term travel experience either in the US or abroad. Undergraduate research is highly recommended for students who have an interest in attending graduate school in the future. Completing a directed research project with a faculty mentor has many benefits: it develops a student's critical thinking and writing abilities, signals to graduate school programs that a student is prepared for independent research of their own, and it can provide a student with financial support since many undergraduate research opportunities are paid.



University of Wisconsin  
**Whitewater**

College of Letters  
and Sciences

**Department Contact Information**  
**Laurentide Hall Room 3112 | 262-472-1036**  
[www.edu/cls/departments/language-literature](http://www.edu/cls/departments/language-literature)

**Third Year**

| Fall Semester  | Units        |
|--|--------------|
| English 345 African-American Literature, 1800 to Present | 3            |
| English 340, 343, 350, or 360                            | 3            |
| Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas                            | 3            |
| University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course           | 4-5          |
| Minor course   | 3            |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                                     | <b>16-17</b> |

| Spring Semester                       | Units     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| English 323, 325, 327, or 329         | 3         |
| English Literature elective           | 3         |
| BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course | 3         |
| Minor course                          | 3         |
| Minor course                          | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                  | <b>15</b> |

**Notes:** English Literature majors have many options within the major. Courses are not offered every semester so students work with their advisors to identify courses that fit their interests, goals, and timeline as not every course will be offered in the semester as listed on this document.

**Opportunities:** Students who move efficiently through the coursework in this major could add a certificate without extending time to degree. Completion of a certificate enables you to acquire additional tools for your toolbox by focusing on a specific skill that will complement your degree program and deepen knowledge in an area that is desirable to future employers.

**Fourth Year**

| Fall Semester                                 | Units     |
|---|-----------|
| English 480 Seminar in Literature Before 1800 | 3         |
| English Literature elective                   | 3         |
| BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course         | 3         |
| Minor course                                  | 3         |
| Elective course                               | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                          | <b>15</b> |

| Spring Semester                              | Units     |
|--|-----------|
| English 482 Seminar in Literature After 1800 | 3         |
| Minor course                                 | 3         |
| Minor course                                 | 3         |
| Elective course                              | 3         |
| Elective course                              | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                         | <b>15</b> |

**Notes:** All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

**Opportunities:** LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

**Planning for Graduation:** Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.

*Curriculum effective date: Fall 2017*



University of Wisconsin  
Whitewater

College of Letters  
and Sciences