

SAMPLE Four-Year Plan
B.S. 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	Spring Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3	English 102 Intro College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3	Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity Course	3	Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
General Education elective	3	University Requirement GN/GQ course	3
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1	Minor course	3
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1		
Total Credits	14	Total Credits	15

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).

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	Spring Semester	Units
English 271 Critical Writing in the Field of English	3	English 226 American Literature Survey I	3
English 206 British Literature Survey I	3	English 251, 252, or 281	3
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3	English 344, 348, or 363	3
BS Requirement Math/Stats/CompSci course	3	University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
Minor course	3	Minor course	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	16-17

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.



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Third Year

Fall Semester	Units
English 345 African-American Literature, 1800 to Present	3
English 340, 343, 350, or 360	3
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
BS Requirement Lab Science course	4-5
Minor course	3
Total Credits	16-17

Spring Semester	Units
English 323, 325, 327, or 329	3
English Literature elective	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
Total Credits	15

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
Minor course	3
General Education elective	3
Elective course	3
Total Credits	15

Spring Semester	Units
English 482 Seminar in Literature After 1800	3
Minor course	3
Elective course	3
Elective course	3
Elective course	3
Total Credits	15

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.

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