

School of Arts and Humanities

Literary Studies (B.A.)

Students who complete the major in Literary Studies receive a thorough grounding in literary ideas and methods as well as a broad acquaintance with literatures of different periods and cultures, including literature in translation. Courses in this major are divided into the following groups: Literary Genres, English and American Literature, General Literature Courses, and Foreign Languages and Literatures. By selecting courses from a variety of these headings, students are able to combine courses in criticism and interpretation in writing and translation, and in linguistics and languages. Students may also be certified to teach English and/or history and/or social studies.

Since the following catalog course descriptions are very general, students are urged to consult the detailed course descriptions available on the web site for the School of Arts and Humanities.

Unless otherwise noted, courses in Literary Studies are open to all students in the university.

Bachelor of Arts in Literary Studies

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)

I. Core Curriculum Requirements¹: 42 semester credit hours

Communication (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Communication ([RHET 1302](#))

3 semester credit hours Communication Elective ([HUMA 3300](#))

Social and Behavioral Sciences (15 semester credit hours)

6 semester credit hours Government ([GOVT 2301](#) and [GOVT 2302](#))

6 semester credit hours American History

3 semester credit hours Social and Behavioral Science Elective

Humanities and Fine Arts (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Fine Arts

3 semester credit hours Humanities

Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (6 semester credit hours)

Science (9 semester credit hours including at least one course with a substantial laboratory component)

II. Major Requirements, Lower Division: 3 semester credit hours

[LIT 2341](#) Literary Analysis

III. Major Requirements, Upper Division: 42 semester credit hours

Major Core Courses (6 semester credit hours)

[HUMA 3300](#) Reading and Writing Texts²

[LIT 3300](#) Western Literary Tradition

Major Distribution and Elective Courses (24 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours of upper-division courses from each of the following groups:

Literary genres

Literature before 1850

18 semester credit hours of upper-division Literary Studies electives

Major-Related Courses (12 semester credit hours)

Students may select any combination of upper-division courses from Art and Performance, A History, Visual Arts, Arts & Technology, Communications, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, E Media & Communication, Film Studies, Historical Studies, Music and/or Philosophy.

IV. Elective Requirements: 33 semester credit hours

Advanced Electives (6 semester credit hours)

Students are required to take six semester credit hours of advanced electives outside their major field of study. These must be upper-division classes.

Upper-Level Elective (3 semester credit hours)

Students are required to take three semester credit hours of upper-division courses which may be within or outside their major field of study.

Free Electives (24 semester credit hours)

Both upper-division and lower-division courses may be used as electives, but students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division credit to qualify for graduation.

1. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from accredited institutions of higher education. The courses listed in parentheses are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.
2. A required Major course that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement.

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