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 hours)

I. Core Curriculum Requirements¹: 42 hours

Communication (6 hours)

3 hours Communication (RHET 1302)
3 hours Communication Elective (HUMA 3300)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (15 hours)

6 hours Government (GOVT 2301 and GOVT 2302)
6 hours American History
3 hours Social and Behavioral Science Elective

Humanities and Fine Arts (6 hours)

3 hours Fine Arts
3 hours Humanities

Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (6 hours)

Science (9 hours including at least one course with a substantial laboratory component)
II. Major Requirements, Lower Division: 3 hours

LIT 2341 Literary Analysis

III. Major Requirements, Upper Division: 42 hours

Major Core Courses (6 hours)

HUMA 3300 Reading and Writing Texts

LIT 3300 Western Literary Tradition

Major Distribution and Elective Courses (24 hours)

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

- Literary genres
- Literature before 1850
- 18 hours of upper-division Literary Studies electives

Major-Related Courses (12 hours)

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

IV. Elective Requirements: 33 hours

Advanced Electives (6 hours)

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

Upper-Level Elective (3 hours)

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

Free Electives (24 hours)

Both upper-division and lower-division courses may be used as electives, but students must complete at least 51 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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