School of Arts and Humanities

Literary Studies (BA)

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 Requirements: 42 semester credit hours

**Communication: 6 semester credit hours**

- [COMM 1311](#) Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication
- [RHET 1302](#) Rhetoric

**Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours**

One of the following:

- [MATH 1306](#) College Algebra for the Non-Scientist
- [MATH 1314](#) College Algebra

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Mathematics core courses

**Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours**

Select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences core courses

**Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours**

One of the following:
**HUMA 1301** Exploration of the Humanities

**LIT 2331** Masterpieces of World Literature

**PHIL 1301** Introduction to Philosophy

**PHIL 2316** History of Philosophy I

**PHIL 2317** History of Philosophy II

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture core courses

**Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours**

One of the following:

**ARTS 1301** Exploration of the Arts

**AHST 1303** Survey of Western Art History: Ancient to Medieval

**AHST 1304** Survey of Western Art History: Renaissance to Modern

**AHST 2331** Understanding Art

**DANC 1310** Understanding Dance

**DRAM 1310** Understanding Theater

**FILM 2332** Understanding Film

**MUSI 1306** Understanding Music

**American History: 6 semester credit hours**

Two of the following:

**HIST 1301** U.S. History Survey to Civil War

**HIST 1302** U.S. History Survey from Civil War

**HIST 2301** History of Texas

**HIST 2330** Themes and Ideas in American History

**HIST 2332** Civil War and Reconstruction

**Government / Political Science: 6 semester credit hours**

**GOVT 2305** American National Government

**GOVT 2306** State and Local Government

**Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours**

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Social and Behavioral Sciences core courses
Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours

Two of the following:

ARHM 2340 Creativity
ARHM 2341 Global Media
ARHM 2342 Connections in the Arts and Humanities
ARHM 2343 Science and the Humanities

II. Major Requirements, Lower-Division: 4 semester credit hours

LIT 2341 Literary Analysis
ARHM 1100 Freshman Seminar
UNIV 1010 Freshman Seminar

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

Major Core Courses: 9 semester credit hours

ARHM 3342 Advanced Topics in the Arts and Humanities
LIT 3300 Western Literary Tradition
LIT 3339 Writing in Literary Studies

Major Distribution and Elective Courses: 24 semester credit hours

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

Literary genres
Literature before 1850
Translating Literature
15 semester credit hours of upper-division Literary Studies electives

Major-Related Courses: 9 semester credit hours

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

IV. Elective Requirements: 32 semester credit hours

https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2014/undergraduate/programs/ah/literary-studies
Free Electives: 32 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 courses to qualify for graduation.

1. Incoming freshmen must complete and pass UNIV 1010 Freshman Seminar and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.

2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.

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