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

**ARHM 2342** Connections in the Arts and Humanities  
**ARHM 2343** Science and the Humanities

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
- Translated 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

**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.

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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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