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

Choose one course from the following:
MATH 1306 College Algebra for the Non-Scientist
MATH 1314 College Algebra

Or 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

Choose one course from 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  

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

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours  
Choose one course from 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  
  MUSI 2322  Music in Western Civilization  

American History: 6 semester credit hours  
Choose two courses from 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  
Choose two courses from the following or other Component Area Option courses:  
  ARHM 2340  Creativity
II. Major Requirements, Lower-Division: 3-4 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum

- 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 Interdisciplinary Studies 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

Select any 3 semester credit 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, Communications, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Film Studies, Historical Studies, Humanities, Music and/or Philosophy.

IV. Elective Requirements: 32-33 semester credit hours

Free Electives: 32-33 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 enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 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.