ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, BACHELOR OF ARTS

College: The Goodwin College of Business and Liberal Arts
Department: Languages and Literature
Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Campus: Lisle Campus

Requirements - Major

English Language and Literature majors must complete at least 39 semester credit hours within the program, with a grade of "C" or better, including:

Code	Title	Hours
LITR 2298	Advanced Academic and Nonfiction Writing [1]	3
LITR 2299	Methods of Textual Analysis [1]	3
Select two of the following Pre-1800 courses:		6
LITR 2250	Medieval Literature	
LITR 2255	American Literature I	
LITR 2257	British Literature I	
LITR 2263	Literature of the Early Modern Period	
LITR 2265	Shakespeare	
LITR 4384	Major Authors and Genres I	
Other department approved courses		
Select one of the following Diversity LITR courses:		3
LITR 2259	World Literatures	
LITR 2279	U. S. Multiethnic Literature	
LITR 2280	African-American Literature	
LITR 2281	Gender and Literature	
LITR 4364	Global/Postcolonial Literature and Theory	
LITR 3381	Theories of Gender in Literary Analysis	
LITR 4399	Senior Seminar [1]	3
Program Electives		21
Total Hours		**39**

[1] LITR 2298 Advanced Academic and Nonfiction Writing, LITR 2299 Methods of Textual Analysis, and LITR 4399 Senior Seminar must be taken at Benedictine University.

Of the 39 semester credit hours, 18 semester credit hours must be at the 3000-level or higher, including at least 6 at the 4000-level. No more than 3 semester credit hours may be taken at the 1000-level.

Successful completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, LITR 2298 Advanced Academic and Nonfiction Writing or LITR 2299 Methods of Textual Analysis is required for enrollment in most 3000-leval and 4000-level courses. Senior standing and successful completion (grade of "C" or better) of both LITR 2298 Advanced Academic and Nonfiction Writing and LITR 2299 Methods of Textual Analysis are prerequisites for LITR 4399 Senior Seminar.

Completion of the English Language and Literature major satisfies the QLR (Literary/Rhetorical) requirement of the University General Education Curriculum. However, students are strongly encouraged to take a QLR-designated course as part of their coursework for the major.

Requirements - Teaching License

Students who desire to be licensed to teach English Language Arts at the secondary level (grades 9-12) are to declare themselves as English Language and Literature majors and Education minors and register with the Benedictine University Education program as teaching licensure candidates. Advising is then a joint responsibility of the Department of Languages and Literature and the School of Education.

Students pursuing teacher licensure must complete the requirements for a major in English Language and Literature, with their coursework to include LITR 2255 American Literature I, LITR 2256 American Literature II, and LITR 4307 Modern English. They must also fulfill the requirements of the Teacher Licensure Program in Education, which includes the Education minor (https://catalog.ben.edu/lisle-undergraduate/academic-programs/education/secondary-education-minor-pel/) (see Education [Elementary Education, Special Education and Minors in Education and Special Education] (https://catalog.ben.edu/lisle-undergraduate/academic-programs/education/) section).

Students who desire an Education (https://catalog.ben.edu/lisle-undergraduate/academic-programs/education/secondary-education-minor-pel/) minor should consult with the Education program to plan their program of studies for certification.

Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society

Eligible Benedictine University undergraduate students may apply for membership in the Alpha Theta Xi Chapter of the International English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Candidates must have sophomore standing at Benedictine University.
- All inductees will be required to complete five hours of service related to the discipline each semester. Approval of service by the English Language and Literature faculty is required, as is formal verification of completion. Service may consist of on or off-campus experience.
- All candidates must have successfully completed a minimum of two college Literature/English courses at the 2000 level or above to be considered for membership in the society. Transfer courses can be submitted as evidence of completion, subject to approval by English Language and Literature program faculty.
- Candidates do not need to major or minor in English Language and Literature.
- Candidates must maintain a 3.300 GPA in English Language and Literature and a 3.000 overall GPA in order to remain eligible.

Eligibility of chapter members will be reviewed each semester to ensure that members are in good standing. There is a $60.00 induction fee, which covers lifetime membership in Sigma Tau Delta. Membership benefits include opportunities for internships, writing awards, and participation in regional conferences and events. Members also receive a Certificate folder.

Objectives

Students in the English Language and Literature program will achieve the following student learning outcomes (SLO):

Student Learning Outcome 1: Identify and discuss significant writers, periods, genres, and literary traditions in cultural context.
• University SLO: 1. Disciplinary Competence and Skills

Student Learning Outcome 2: Construct clear, effective critical arguments that are supported by appropriate textual evidence.
• University SLO: 2. Critical and Creative Thinking Skills

Student Learning Outcome 3: Perform effective, sustained close readings of poetry, drama, fiction, and other genres.
• University SLO: 5. Analytical Skills

Student Learning Outcome 4: Use and synthesize concepts, terms, and methodologies from critical and theoretical writing to analyze literary works.
• University SLO: 5. Analytical Skills

Student Learning Outcome 5: Propose, design, and complete written projects appropriate to different rhetorical situations.
• University SLO: 3. Communication Skills