Literary study provides content knowledge of literature from various time periods and cultures while honing skills of self-expression and reasoning. The study of literature increases insights into human behavior; emphasizes reading comprehension, critical thinking, and writing skills; elevates social and historical consciousness; fosters success in communication and interpersonal interchanges; and enhances creative abilities. The literature curriculum teaches ethical complexity, interpretative multiplicity, and the importance of empathy in human relations.

Businesses across all lines recognize and reward soft skills-training and value those employees who show aptitude in adapting to a changing and rapidly growing culture. Many professional schools benefit from applicants with a degree in English/Literature. Law schools historically have appreciated the skills our students bring. Medical, business, and professional schools are taking an increasing number of English degree holders, as well as implementing a more humanities-based curriculum that includes courses in literary studies as a means of achieving empathy and cultural-awareness training.

**Becoming Career Ready...**

- Qualified, award winning faculty interact with students in a small-class environment.
- BA in English graduates gain skills necessary for a wide array of career paths, and work in publishing, communication, journalism and advertising fields. Examples of job titles include journalist, freelance writer, copywriter, technical writer, grant writer, publishing assistant and content manager.
- English students develop key skills in navigating today’s fast-changing world: written and oral communication, digital and traditional research methods, textual analysis and understanding of our global community.
- Majors in the program study narrative strategies, critical theory, historical and cultural context and diverse literary genres.
- 100% of Southeast programs offer a real-world experience. BA in English students gain professional experience through access to English department resources including internationally renowned Center for Faulkner Studies, Southeast Missouri State University Press Center for Writing Excellence, and student-run journals such as *Literati: An Annual Journal of Literary Studies and Journey*.
- The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills in the field to jobs and opportunities in the fie. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

**Internships, Employment Opportunities, and Programs of Recent Graduates**

- Public and private schools
- Libraries
- Ph.D. programs
- Law schools and other professional programs
- Non-profit organizations
- Health care industry
- Publishing and editing
- Local, state, and federal governments
- Parks and recreation
- Financial industries
- Technical and professional writing
- Human resources
- Marketing/Advertising

**Special Options with English**

Southeast offers a Master of Arts in English.

**Transfer and Dual Credit Students**

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.
This is a guide based on the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

**ENGLISH - 39 Hour Major - Minor Required**

**NOTE:** A single course may only count in one category and may not be repeated. Students must take at least one course in American, one in British, and one in world literature at the 300-level or higher.

**Required Course:**
- EN 201 Writing About Literature (3)
- Surveys (Choose 9 hours):
  - LI 260 English Literature I (3)
  - LI 261 English Literature II (3)
  - LI 270 American Literature I (3)
  - LI 271 American Literature II (3)

**World Survey (Choose 3 hours):**
- LI 211 World Literature I (3)
- LI 212 World Literature II (3)

**Traditions and Foundations (Choose 6 hours):**
- LI 341 Victorian Studies (3)
- LI 432 Shakespeare’s Comedies & Histories (3)
- LI 433 Shakespeare’s Tragedies (3)
- LI 521 Studies in American Literature (3)
- LI 560 Chaucer (3)
- LI 568 19th Century American Literature (3)
- LI 577 Studies in Early English Literature (3)

**Modern and Contemporary (Choose 6 hours):**
- LI 421 Cross-Cultural American Voices (3)
- LI 476 Early Twentieth-Century British Literature (3)
- LI 569 Southern Literature (3)
- LI 570 20th Century American Literature (3)
- LI 571 Contemporary American Poetry (3)
- LI 576 American Fiction/21st Century (3)
- LI 578 Studies in Latin American and Post-colonial Literature (3)

**Multicultural (Choose 3 hours):**
- FL 311 Survey of FR, GN, and SN Literature (3)
- LI 359 Studies in World Literature (3)
- LI 332 Images of Women in Literature (3)
- LI 421 Cross-Cultural American Voices (3)
- LI 578 Studies in Latin and Post-colonial Literature (3)

**Author Studies (Choose 3 hours):**
- LI 425 Focus on the Author (3)
- LI 431 Faulkner Seminar (3)
- LI 432 Shakespeare’s Comedies & Histories (3)
- LI 433 Shakespeare’s Tragedies (3)
- LI 560 Chaucer (3)

**Elective – Choose 6 hours:**
- EN xxx EN prefix course not counting in a category above
- LI xxx LI prefix course not counting in a category above
- UI 3/4/5xx course listed above, not counting in another category

**Additional Requirements:**
- xx xxx 6 Hours in One or Two Foreign Languages

**General Education Requirements** – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

### SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

#### Fall Semester | Spring Semester
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**EN100** | **EN140**
**EN100** | **General Education**
**General Education** | **General Education**
**General Education** | **General Education**

**Total** 15 | **Total** 15

#### SECONd YEAR

- **EN201** | **Foreign Language 2**
- Foreign Language 1 | Surveys Core 2
- Surveys Core 1 | Literature course
- General Education | General Education
- General Education | General Education

**Total** 15 | **Total** 15

#### THIRD YEAR

- Surveys Core 3 | Surveys Core 4
- World Survey course | Literature course
- Minor Course | Minor Course
- Minor Course | Elective

**Total** 15 | **Total** 15

#### FOURTH YEAR

- Literature course | Literature Course
- Literature course | Major elective
- Literature course | Major elective
- Minor Course/Elective | Elective
- Minor Course/Elective | Elective

**Total** 15 | **Total** 15

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.