

ENGLISH LITERATURE

COLLEGE OF ARTS + SCIENCES



COURSES

In addition to a core set of foundational courses, you'll choose literature courses to tailor the program to your interests. Here's a sample of what you can expect to learn and do:

Reading Historically I

This course provides a foundation in English literary history from the medieval period through the 17th century. Students explore the significance of texts in historical, formal, and aesthetic contexts and consider how contemporary critical approaches enhance our understanding of this material.

Studies in Renaissance Literature

This seminar explores the development of a specific theme or genre in a transnational early modern context. Topics include Renaissance women writers, Renaissance epic, the literature of empire, or gender and sexuality in Renaissance literature.

Postcolonial Literatures

This course is a survey of postcolonial literatures from Africa, India, Latin America, and the Caribbean, focusing on both the counter-narratives of history, memory, and identity that were central literary concerns after independence and more recent literary trends.

Contemporary Critical Issues

This special topics course focuses on contemporary issues in literary criticism, such as environmental theory, new media, food studies, and post-humanism.

LITERATURE MAJORS take 12 courses that examine the vast expanse of literature written in English from medieval dramas to Romantic poetry to Indian short stories to contemporary graphic novels. Literature majors are encouraged to take courses offered in the writing and film and digital media tracks, as well. The degree is designed to prepare students for graduate study and a teaching career in literature as well as for various professional fields.

Possible careers:

- Publishing
- Screenwriting
- Teaching
- Corporate communications

ATTENDING LOYOLA means being in the heart of New Orleans. With its rich literary tradition, this city is the perfect place to study the written word. The award-winning Loyola English Department offers a dynamic program with exceptionally accomplished faculty who work closely with students on independent studies, collaborative research, publishing, capstone experiences, and creative projects. And you'll learn to hone your talents in the city named the #1 best city in the U.S. for creative professionals.