

ENGLISH MAJOR

The Literature program offers students a solid grounding in literary genres, periods, and critical approaches to British, American, and World Literatures. Students are exposed to a wide range of canonical and non-canonical texts, and they learn to read closely and critically, and to write clearly and effectively. During their time at San Jose State, students will have an opportunity to develop and carry out research projects, and they will learn to locate, evaluate, and organize information effectively. Graduates of our program excel in close reading, critical thinking, and clear writing—all of which are crucial, marketable skills in today's job markets.

Major Requirements: 47-49 Units

Core Courses (24-25 Units)

ENGL 50: Beginnings to the American Experiment

ENGL 60: Literatures of the Atlantic World, 1680-1860

ENGL 70: Emerging Modernisms and Beyond

ENGL 100W: Writing Workshop

Literature for Global Understanding: Complete one course (3 units)

ENGL 123A: Literatures of the Americas

ENGL 123B: Literatures of Africa

ENGL 123C: Literatures of the Pacific

ENGL 123D: Literatures of Asia

Shakespeare: Complete one course (4 units)

ENGL 144: Shakespeare I

ENGL 145: Shakespeare and Performance

American Literature and Ethnicity: Complete one course (3-4 units)

ENGL 165: Topics in Ethnic American Literature

ENGL 169: Ethnicity in American Literature

Major Elective: Complete any one upper-division English course (3-4 units)

Literature Concentration (20 units)

ENGL 101: Introduction to Literary Criticism

ENGL 125: Ancient Literatures

Complete 3-4 courses of Literature Concentration Electives (12 units)

