BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH: CONCENTRATION IN LITERATURE

General Information

Students considering teaching in the secondary schools should see a departmental credential advisor before planning their program. Specific courses and an assessment of competencies are required for admission to the Secondary Education Credential program. Students should also contact the Credential and Graduate Services Center, Burk Hall 244, (415) 405–3594, regarding teaching credential information.

English majors with concentrations in Literature, Linguistics, or Individual Major are required to complete a 45 unit program consisting of six units of lower division prerequisites, 15 units of core requirements, 21 units in an area of concentration, and three units of culminating experience. English majors with a concentration in English Education must complete six units of lower division prerequisites, 12 units of core requirements, between 23 and 26 units in the concentration (including three units of culminating experience), plus 12 to 22 units in an area of emphasis.

A maximum of nine units of work in lower-division literature courses may be accepted for credit in the major upon consent of an advisor.

Advanced Placement (A.P.) credit in composition cannot be used to fulfill the lower-division literature requirement in the major or minor.

Completion of ENG 480GW with a grade of C or higher fulfills the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) for all English majors.

Culminating Experience must be completed during either the final semester or one of the semesters of the student’s final (senior) year, depending on the English major concentration. For more information, please refer to the relevant major concentration section in this Bulletin.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will be able to differentiate how language use varies across the contexts and genres of professional writing and rhetoric, literature, and linguistics. (Disciplinary Knowledge)
2. Students will be able to formulate and pursue methodologically sound lines of inquiry, effectively placing their ideas side by side the ideas of others, drawing persuasively on credible primary and secondary sources. (Research)
3. Students will be able to produce rhetorically effective texts across a range of digital, print and multimedia formats. (Written Communication/Digital Literacy)
4. Students will be able to carefully read and critically examine the ways in which culture and global context affect language, literature, and writing. (Global Perspectives)
5. Students will be able to analyze language and texts in relation to the historical and social contexts in which they are situated. (Historical Thinking)
6. Students will be able to apply critical thinking, close reading, and rhetorical persuasion to engage productively and ethically in scholarly, civic, and professional communities. (Application & Engagement)

A maximum of nine units of literature classes from other departments (such as Comparative and World Literature) may be accepted for credit in the major upon consent of an advisor.

English (B.A.): Concentration in Literature — 45 Units

Lower-division Prerequisites/Corequisites (6 Units)
Two lower-division courses in literature (to be taken as prerequisite or corequisite with ENG 480GW.

Core Requirements (15 Units)

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<td>or ENG 584</td>
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Concentration: Literature (24 Units)

• One course in linguistics with the approval of advisor.
• One course in theory or criticism with the approval of advisor.
• One course in Global Literatures in English with the approval of advisor.

Electives

Students must fulfill a 12 unit pre-1800 distribution requirement. This can be done with either one of these elective courses or ENG 690 if it is in a pre-1800 literary subject.

Culminating Experience

This course must be completed during one of the semesters of the final (senior) year; if the course is in a pre-1800 literary subject, it may also fulfill the pre-1800 distribution requirement.

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Students must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher in the major, and no grade in the major lower than C– (except for ENG 480GW, which requires a grade of C or higher).

Complementary Studies Requirement for English Majors

Twelve units of complementary studies are required of all candidates in any of the four concentrations (Literature, Linguistics, English Education and Individual Major) in the Bachelor of Arts degree in English. These units must come from courses bearing a prefix other than ENG, and must not be cross-listed with ENG. English majors will be offered four pathways for satisfying this requirement; each pathway is designed to facilitate graduation in a timely manner.

1. Foreign Language: 12 units in a single foreign language;
2. 2nd Major, Minor, or Certificate: 12 units of course work taken as part of a second major, a minor or a certificate;
3. Study Abroad: 12 units of course work taken in an approved study abroad program (such as CSU Study Abroad);
4. Related Subjects: 12 units of course work in related disciplines with
the approval of an English Department advisor.

Related subjects typically include (but are not limited to) Comparative
and World Literature, Classics, Creative Writing, Ethnic Studies, Foreign
Languages, History, Journalism, and Women and Gender Studies. For this
option, six units must be from classes in a non-literary related field.

Depending on the concentration within the major, CS pathway, and with
the approval of a departmental advisor, up to 12 units from courses
with non-ENG prefixes that count towards the Complementary Studies
requirement may also count as English electives in fulfillment of Major
requirements.

Students who have earned AA-T or AS-T degrees and are pursuing a
similar B.A. degree at SF State are required to fulfill the Complementary
Studies requirement as defined by the major department. Students
should consult with a major advisor about how transfer units and/or
SF State units can best be applied to this requirement to ensure degree
completion within 60 units.

### General Education Requirements

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| Lifelong Learning and Self-
  Development (LLD)                  | LD or UD     | 3     | E                |
| Physical and/or Life Science       | UD           | 3     | UD-B             |
| Arts and/or Humanities             | UD           | 3     | UD-C             |
| Social Sciences                    | UD           | 3     | UD-D             |

**SF State Studies**

Courses certified as meeting the SF State Studies
requirements may be upper or lower division in General
Education (GE), in a major or minor, or an elective.

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| American Ethnic and Racial
  Minorities (AERM)                 | LD or UD     | 3     |
| Environmental Sustainability (ES)  | LD or UD     | 3     |
| Global Perspectives (GP)           | LD or UD     | 3     |
| Social Justice (SJ)                | LD or UD     | 3     |

Note: LD = Lower-Division; UD = Upper-Division.

**First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)**

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**Transfer Student Roadmap (2 Year)**

For students with an AA-T in English. This roadmap opens in a new tab
[bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/english/ba-english-

This degree program is an approved pathway
(“similar” major) for students earning the ADT in
English

California legislation SB 1440 (2009) mandated the creation of the
Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to be awarded by the California
Community Colleges. Two types of ADTs are awarded: Associate in Arts
for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T). Note: no
specific degree is required for admission as an upper-division student.
However, the ADT includes specific guarantees related to admission and
graduation and is designed to clarify the transfer process and strengthen
lower-division preparation for the major.

An ADT totals 60 units and includes completion of all lower-division
General Education requirements and at least 18 units in a specific major.
Students pursuing an ADT are guaranteed admission to the CSU if
minimum eligibility requirements are met, though not necessarily to the
CSU campus of primary choice.

Upon verification that the ADT has been awarded prior to matriculation
at SF State, students are guaranteed B.A. or B.S. completion in 60 units
if pursuing a “similar” major after transfer. Determinations about “similar”
majors at SF State are made by faculty in the discipline.

Degree completion in 60 units cannot be guaranteed when a student
simultaneously pursues an additional major, a minor, certificate, or
credential.

A sample advising roadmap for students who have earned an ADT and
continue in a “similar” major at SF State is available on the Roadmaps tab
on the degree requirements page for the major. The roadmap displays:

- How many lower-division units required for the major have been
  completed upon entry based on award of a specific ADT;
Transferring from institutions other than CCCs or CSUs

Review SF State’s lower division General Education requirements. Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet A1, A2, A3, and B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State’s lower division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (GE A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the A3 requirement, please visit http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL.

Identify and complete a 2nd-semester written English composition course before transfer. This is usually the next course after the typical “freshman comp” course, with a focus on writing, reading, and critical analytical skills for academic purposes, and developing skills in composing, revising, and the use of rhetorical strategies.

Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.

All students must meet the transfer eligibility requirements outlined below for admission.

For more information, visit the Undergraduate Admissions section.

- Complete 60 or more transferable semester units or 90 or more quarter units
- Earn a college grade point average of 2.00 or better in all transferable courses. Non-local area residents may be held to a higher GPA standard.
- Be in good standing at the last college or university attended
- Complete 30-semester units (45-quarter units) of general education, including four basic skills courses:
  a. One course in oral communication (same as CSU GE Area A1)
  b. One course in written composition (same as CSU GE Area A2)
  c. One course in critical thinking (same as CSU GE Area A3)
  d. One course in mathematics or quantitative reasoning (same as CSU GE Area B4)
- The four basic skills courses and a minimum of 60 transferable semester units (90-quarter units) must be completed by the spring semester prior to fall admission, or by the fall semester prior to spring admission. Earn a “C-” or better grade in each basic skills course.