ENGLISH LITERATURE

DEGREE OPTIONS
English Literature, B.A.

English literature majors are skilled readers and interpreters of literary works, films, media creations and cultural phenomena. Understanding literature is multidimensional and includes the consideration of the artistic, historical, cultural and theoretical contexts that inform imaginative creations.

Small classes provide opportunities to work closely with faculty and explore questions that are fundamental to our understanding of what it means to be human: questions of identity (national, religious, racial, class, gender, sexual), questions of the purposes of storytelling and the imagination in human society, and questions of how humans interact with the non-human (the supernatural, animals, technology, the environment).

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Small discussion- and research-oriented seminars
Internships with publishers, businesses, and arts and service organizations
Faculty-led study abroad programs in London, England
Writers and Speakers Series that hosts prominent writers and literary scholars from around the country

TOPICS YOU MAY STUDY
Literature and the environment
Bible as literature
Shakespeare to Austen
Revolts, renewals and migrations in literature
Ethnicity in America
Huck Finn to Beloved
Indigenous New England
Dystopian and post apocalyptic fiction
Postcolonial novel
Major women writers
“Through the lens of great writers such as Cisneros, Proulx and Shakespeare, the English Department stimulates conversations regarding race, gender and many other urgent topics. UNH professors care, not just about the students, but the pressing issues covered in class. The English program is preparing me to be an advocate for the hard, but much needed conversations.”

— DAISY YOUNG ’23

AS AN ENGLISH LITERATURE MAJOR, AMONG YOUR POTENTIAL CAREERS ARE:

Business executive
Critic
Editor
Government consultant
Lawyer
Professor
Publisher
Writer

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