



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**

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Critic

Editor

Government consultant

Lawyer

Professor

Publisher

Writer