This major offers a broad range of courses in English, American, and Anglophone literature of all periods and genres, and in related areas such as creative and expository writing, literature and visual arts, ethnic literature and cultural studies, the history of the English language and of literary criticism, and literary and cultural theory.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW**

**Three Introductory Courses**
- English Literature to 1800
- English Literature since 1800
- American Literature

**Seven Upper Division Courses**
- Two courses in literature written before 1800
- One course in 19th Century literature
- One course in American Literature
- Two upper-division electives
- Senior Seminar in Literary Studies

**Several examples of Upper Division courses are:**
- English Literature of the 16th Century
- English Literature of the Victorian Age (1832-1890)
- American Literature to 1865
- American Literature, 1920 to the Present
- Contemporary Poetry
- The Modern Novel
- Literature and Society
- Women in English Literature before 1800

**EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Maymester:** Spend part of your summer studying poetry while in Paris or Native-American culture while living on a reservation through this Innovative program.

- **Honors Program:** Departmental Honors are awarded at graduation to seniors who complete a thesis on their own independent literary research. This competitive program attracts our very best students.

- **Prizes and Research:** Students often receive cash awards for literary studies, poetry, and fiction entries as well as financial support for independent literary research beyond the classroom

For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or http://dornsife.usc.edu/engl/english-major/