

☑ CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETING THE ENGLISH MAJOR

Bulletin Years 2017-18 and Later

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FOUNDATIONAL COURSE

3 credits

_____ One General Education Literature course: [LIT 230](#), [LIT 231](#), [LIT 232](#), [LIT 233](#), [LIT 236](#), [LIT 237](#), [LIT 239](#), [LIT 326](#), [LIT 327](#), [ISP 235](#), [ISP 236](#), [ISP 273](#). For a current list, consult the [Bulletin](#).

FOUR CORE COURSES

12 credits

_____ [LIT 260](#) *Introduction to Literary Study*
Prerequisites: English 201 and any 100- or 200- level LIT course

_____ [LIT 300](#) *Text and Context*
Prerequisite: LIT 260 Introduction to Literary Study

_____ [LIT 305](#) *Foundations in Literature and the Law*
Prerequisite: LIT 260 Introduction to Literary Study

_____ [LIT 400](#) *Literature Seminar* OR [LIT 405](#) *Literature and the Law Seminar*
Prerequisites: These courses require LIT 300 or LIT 305 plus senior standing (90 credits completed) or permission of the major advisor. Students pursuing the concentration in Literature and the Law must take the Literature and the Law Seminar, though it is open to all students provided that they first take LIT 305. Students may opt to take a second senior seminar as an elective.

FOUR COURSES in HISTORICAL TOPICS

12 credits

Prerequisite: One Gen Ed LIT course and LIT 260 Introduction to Literary Study. Select four:

- _____ [LIT 370](#) *Topics in Ancient Literature*
_____ [LIT 371](#) *Topics in Medieval Literature* OR [LIT 319](#) *Law & Justice in Medieval Lit*
_____ [LIT 372](#) *Topics in Early Modern Literature*
_____ OR [LIT 313](#) *Shakespeare* OR [LIT 314](#) *Shakespeare & Justice*
_____ [LIT 373](#) *Topics in 17th and 18th Century Literature*
_____ [LIT 374](#) *Topics in 19th Century Literature*
_____ [LIT 375](#) *Topics in 20th Century Literature* OR [LIT 344](#) *Caribbean Literature*
_____ OR [LIT 357](#) *US Latino/a Street Lit* OR [LIT 383](#) *Gender & Sexuality in US Latino/a Lit*
_____ [LIT 379](#) *Selected Historical Topics in Literature, Research Intensive*
Additional prerequisite for LIT 379: Permission of instructor

FOUR ELECTIVES in Literature or Writing

12 credits

Select four

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Electives are ENG, LIT, or approved ISP courses at the 200-level or higher (excluding ENG 201) that are not core requirements. For those concentrating in Literature and the Law, at least two of the electives must be designated as Literature and Law courses. See the bulletin or <http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/english-ba> for the complete list.

HONORS OPTION [Not required of all majors]

[3 additional credits]

_____ [LIT 489](#) *Senior Honors Project*

Students with senior status and a GPA in the major of 3.5 or higher may choose to research and write an Honors Thesis under the guidance of a faculty mentor. This independent study is taken in addition to the Senior Seminar and can earn the student Honors in the English Major. For more information, contact the Major Advisor.