

ENGLISH MAJOR

Students must also complete the Undergraduate Registration Requirement (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/undergraduate-registration-requirement/>) and the degree requirements of their home school.

NOTE: This Catalog describes Weinberg College BA requirements that pertain to students who matriculated at Northwestern after spring quarter 2023. Refer to the Archives (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/archives/>) if you are following BA requirements described in the 2018-2019 through 2022-2023 editions.

Course	Title
Department Courses (13 units)	
2 200-level Historical Breadth courses	
1 emphasizing works written before 1830	
1 emphasizing works written after 1830	
2 required seminars	
ENGLISH 300-0	Seminar in Reading and Interpretation
ENGLISH 397-0	Research Seminar for Literature Majors
9 additional literature courses, which must satisfy the following criteria:	
At least 7 courses must be at the 300-level; 2 courses may be taken at the 200-level	
At least 3 courses emphasizing works written before 1830	
At least 3 courses emphasizing works written after 1830	
At least 1 course focusing on Gender, Sexuality & Embodiment	
At least 1 course focusing on Postcolonial & Comparative Literatures	
At least 1 course focusing on Race & Ethnicity	
1 300-level literature course may be taken in another department or program, subject to approval by the DUS	

Students who matriculated Spring 2022 or earlier can choose to opt into the current requirements listed here or can choose to follow requirements as outlined in a Catalog edition corresponding to their prior quarters of enrollment. The Office of the Registrar maintains an archive of Catalog editions (<https://www.registrar.northwestern.edu/registration-graduation/undergraduate-catalog.html>).

Honors in Literature

To prepare to apply to the honors program, all literature majors take ENGLISH 397-0 Research Seminar for Literature Majors, which provides an opportunity to complete a 15-page research paper. Literature majors with strong academic records may then apply during spring of junior year for admission to the 2-quarter senior thesis sequence (ENGLISH 398-1 & ENGLISH 398-2), which meets the following fall and winter quarters (ENGLISH 398-1 & ENGLISH 398-2 do not count toward the English major). Accepted students are expected to produce a senior thesis of about 40 pages. Students whose theses and grades meet department criteria are recommended to the College for graduation with honors. For more information, including funding opportunities, visit the department website and see Honors in the Major. (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#academicoptiontext>)