

# ENGLISH - LITERATURE

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) GENERAL 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

Examples of upper-division elective courses include:

- English Literature of the 16th Century
- American Literature to 1865
- American Literature, 1920 to the Present
- Contemporary Poetry
- The Modern Novel
- Literature and Society
- Women in English Literature before 1800

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Maymester:** Spend part of your summer in Paris studying poetry, or on a reservation studying Native American culture, or reading regional literature while backpacking through the Maymester 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 can compete for cash awards for excellence in literary studies, poetry, and fiction, as well as financial support for independent literary research beyond the classroom.