

## Bachelor of Arts in Literary Studies

Great works of literature do more than entertain our minds; they record cultures and explain to future generations what it meant to be human in the writer's time. People in literary circles are traditionally considered keepers of the world's stories.

### Careers in Literary Studies

Graduates with a degree in literary studies enjoy careers in journalism, advertising or public relations, publishing, editing, grant writing, translating, teaching or working for a nonprofit organization. Others continue to graduate school or law school.

The University's Career Center is an important resource for students pursuing postgraduate employment. Licensed counselors are available to provide strategies for mastering job interviews, writing professional cover letters and resumes, and connecting with campus recruiters, among other services.

### High School Preparation

If you plan to major in literary studies, it may be helpful to complete four units of language arts, including at least one unit of writing skills, and three units of a single foreign language. You may also want to take one or more Advanced Placement (AP) English courses in high school. Classes in creative writing, if offered, may further prepare you for a successful academic career in literary studies.

### Literary Studies at UT Dallas

Students who complete the major in literary studies receive a thorough grounding in literary ideas and methods, as well as a broad acquaintance with literatures of different periods and cultures, including literature in translation. Courses in this major are divided into the following groups: literary genres, English and American literature, foreign languages and literature and general literature courses. By selecting courses from a variety of these categories, students are able to combine courses in criticism and interpretation, in writing and translation, and in linguistics and languages. Students may also be certified to teach English and/or history and/or social studies through the University's Teacher Development Center.

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### Honors Program and Fast-Track

The School of Arts and Humanities (A&H) honors program offers the opportunity for advanced creative and scholarly work and recognition. To earn A&H honors, students must graduate with:

- A minimum of 30 graded, upper-division semester credit hours at UT Dallas
- at least 12 hours of upper-division courses in the student's major with a GPA of 3.80 in those courses
- The completion of an honors thesis or project evaluated by two faculty members with a grade of at least B+

Exceptionally well-qualified Arts and Humanities undergraduates who meet the requirements for admission to graduate school should consider the Fast-Track program, which allows them to begin work on an A&H master's degree before graduation. Qualified seniors may take up to 12 credit hours of approved A&H graduate courses during their senior year, which will apply to their undergraduate degree plans.

Visit [www.utdallas.edu/ah/students/advising/fasttrack.html](http://www.utdallas.edu/ah/students/advising/fasttrack.html) for details.

### School of Arts and Humanities

The School of Arts and Humanities prepares students for the changes they will face in a media-rich 21st century. By connecting the visual and performing arts with the humanities (philosophy, literature, history), students learn how to think creatively as well as critically. More than 100 full-time faculty members, many of whom are internationally recognized scholars and performers, provide quality instruction on topics ranging from the history of the Middle East to emerging media.

### Degrees Offered

**Bachelor of Arts:** Art and performance, historical studies, literary studies, arts and technology, emerging media and communication

**Master of Arts:** Arts and technology, emerging media and communication, history, humanities, aesthetic studies, history of ideas, studies in literature, Latin American studies

**Master of Arts in Teaching:** Aesthetic studies, history of ideas, studies in literature, humanities

**Master of Fine Arts:** Arts and technology

**Doctor of Philosophy:** Arts and technology, Humanities

### Minors Offered

If your academic focus leads you elsewhere at UT Dallas, but you would still like to pursue studies in the School of Arts and Humanities, the following minors are available:

- Art history
- Asian studies
- Creative writing
- Drama/dance
- Gender studies
- Global communication and leadership
- History
- Literature
- Medical and scientific humanities
- Music
- Performing arts
- Philosophy
- Spanish/Hispanic area studies
- Visual arts

### Additional Facts

- Twenty-two faculty members have been awarded prestigious fellowships, including those from the Guggenheim, Fulbright, Alexander S. Onassis and Woodrow Wilson foundations. Others are recipients of the Füst Literary Award, as well as awards from the National Endowments for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- The school's nine centers further enhance students' educational experience by bringing the concept of globalism to campus, by bringing world events into focus through research and by encouraging technological innovation and creativity.
- The school boasts an aggressive arts outreach program, with more than 75 events per year. Students benefit from master classes with touring artists and performance opportunities that augment classroom learning.

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