



University of California, Santa Barbara
Program Learning Outcomes

B.A. in English

Students graduating with a B.A. in English should be able to:

Knowledge of Literary History and Literature's Relation to History

- Demonstrate broad familiarity with the history of Anglophone literatures and with the ways in which historical, cultural, political, or technological contexts might shape literary texts.

Knowledge of Literary Traditions and Forms

- Explain how genres, forms, and literary traditions shape and are shaped by literary texts.

Knowledge of Literary Criticism

- Demonstrate familiarity with contemporary practices of literary analysis, including the different kinds of questions and methodologies that scholars bring to bear in literary analysis.

Rhetorical Skills

- Discuss literary texts, showing familiarity with contemporary practices of literary analysis.
- Compose interpretive essays that combine attentive reading of primary texts with a consideration of relevant literary, historical, cultural, political, or technological contexts.

Research Skills

- Locate and make use of appropriate research materials from both print and electronic media in discipline-appropriate ways.