

The learning goals define the purpose of our program. The student learning outcomes identified as a part of each goal demonstrate what students who complete our program will be able to do. The measurement tools describe how outcomes are assessed.

Student Learning Goal	Student Learning Outcome	Measurement Tools
<p>Achieve familiarity with the development and significant periods and movements of American, British, and World literatures.</p>	<p>Demonstrate familiarity with British/American literary traditions, including prominent authors, genres, literary movements, and styles, as well as the historical and cultural contexts important to those traditions.</p> <p>Interpret texts from diverse literary traditions such as those distinguished by race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, ideology, religion, or region, with reference to their specific literary, historical, and cultural contexts.</p>	
<p>Achieve knowledge of literary, critical, and theoretical terminology.</p>	<p>Describe and utilize multiple strategies for reading literary texts, such as formal strategies, reader-response strategies, historical strategies, and political strategies.</p> <p>Understand, identify, and correctly employ literary and critical terms</p>	
<p>Achieve understanding of background and contextual knowledge necessary for the well-informed consideration of various texts.</p>	<p>Draw on relevant cultural and historical information to analyze and interpret a literary text.</p> <p>Identify and explain the significance of texts in literary history using an understanding and appreciation of their style.</p>	
<p>Master various analytical and critical reading skills, demonstrating the ability to read closely and to comprehend and interpret a variety of culturally diverse literary, non-literary, and visual texts.</p>	<p>Generate a close reading of a text: Recognize, understand, and explain a text's elements--for example, word choice, imagery, form, and connotations.</p> <p>Research and write focused, convincing analytical essays in clear, grammatical prose.</p> <p>Tailor writing for various audiences and purposes.</p> <p>Think independently, employing logic, interpretive skills, and analytical strategies.</p> <p>Participate in discussions by listening to others' perspectives, asking productive questions, and articulating original ideas.</p>	