

English Language and Literature

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What is English Language and Literature?

Literature is a form of human expression. English Literature means literary works written in English whose values lie in the beauty of form or emotional effect. Why do we study English Literature? As an art, literature gives us pleasure, elevates us, transforms our experiences, and functions in society as a continuing critical symbolic value.

English Language and Literature at Kyung Hee

The English Literature Program offers a wide range of courses in: (1) English and American Literature and the related areas of the humanities and, (2) English and American cultures. Literature courses focus mainly on the close reading of literary and cultural texts, the study of particular authors and genres, the critical theories and methods, and the relationship of literary works to other areas of the humanities.

Degree Requirements

To receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature, a student must:

- complete a minimum total of 130 credit units
- satisfy the general requirements of the School for professional degrees
- complete 18 units of major-required courses offered by the School of General Education
- complete 48 units or more of elective courses offered by the English Literature Program
- complete 29 units or more of general education courses designated and specified by the School of General Education
- acquire a minimum English proficiency test score (TOEIC 850; TOEFL IBT 92; TOEFL CBT 237) or pass the graduate exam provided by the program

Courses

Introduction to English Literature, Poetic Imagination and Society, Feminism and Literature, Background of English Literature, English Drama, Modern Drama, Introduction to American Studies, Sociology of Literature, Study of Narratives, Shakespeare 1, Shakespeare 2, Theories of Criticism, Literary Criticism, Romance Literature, English Prose, English Novel, American Fiction, Popular Literature and Best-sellers, Literature and Utopia/Dystopia, English Literature and Translation, Anglo-American Minority Literatures, Reading Critically, Major Writers, Literature and Journalism, Modern English and American Poetry, Comparative Literature, Western Civilization, Literature and Film Studies, Classics of the East/West and the Postmodern, Special Topics in English Literature, Studies in Cultural Theories

Careers and Graduate Destinations

The future for Literature majors is promising. Many jobs related to the humanities are available for graduates with proficiency in English: journalist, TV producer, manager, C.E.O., translator, writer, English teacher, college professor, and diverse jobs in such fields as cultural studies, fiction, criticism, poetry, drama, performance, and film studies.

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