



## English/Literature

### Literatures and Cultures: Literatures of the English-Speaking World Concentration, B.A.

#### Major Description

The major in Literatures and Cultures asks students to recognize the complex interactions of history, culture and literature within a matrix of traditional fields of literature and emerging thought in gender and minority discourse. That goal includes the exploration of intersections literature creates with other fields such as cognitive science, social sciences and information science. Literatures and Cultures offers a program of study that fosters the development of critical skills most necessary to understand how culture shapes and is shaped by the production, dispersal, and consumption of literary and cultural texts. The concentration in literatures of the English-speaking world has global reach and interest and includes the study of colonial, postcolonial and indigenous literatures, as well as a focus on American regional and environmental literatures such as literature of the Great Central Valley, California and Yosemite.

Overall, UC Merced's highly comparative approach to literature enables an interdisciplinary training in literature, cultural studies, theory and comparative studies. Upon graduation, students will be prepared for a number of career possibilities, including the fields of law, medicine and business, as well as advertising, editing and publishing, journalism, communications and mass media.

### Starting Your English/Literature Degree

#### Lower-Division Major Requirements English/Literature

From UC's perspective, community college is where you begin working on the first two years of your bachelor's degree. This includes taking lower-division coursework specifically related to your field of study that may be applied toward graduation in your major.

Listed below are the lower-division requirements for **Literatures and Cultures, B.A.** that may be satisfied with approved community college courses unless otherwise noted. To find out which of these requirements are shared by other UC campuses, see the UC Statewide Transfer Preparation Path in English/Literature.

- Introduction to American Literature (two semesters or equivalent) or Introduction to British Literature (two semesters or equivalent)
- Language other than English (equivalent to year-one level; American Sign Language is not accepted)
- Two additional literature courses outside of your concentration

**!!! IMPORTANT !!!**  
All of these requirements do not necessarily have to be completed **before** you transfer. See the next section of this path for what you must do to be competitive for admission.

**FIND YOUR COURSES**  
Every course at your community college that can be used to meet any of the lower-division major requirements is listed at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)

