Saint Louis University
Department of English
Undergraduate Program Learning Outcomes (adopted Fall 2015)

English Major (BA) and Minor

**Students who complete the undergraduate program in English will …**

- produce close readings of literary texts and other media that demonstrate an ability to analyze elements such as syntax, word choice, tone, tropes and imagery.

- analyze the ways in which works of literature reflect and shape their historical and cultural contexts.

- analyze the ways in which medium, form, and/or genre create and shape meaning in a variety of works.

- produce written and oral arguments about literary works and other media that demonstrate facility with appropriate research methods, clear organization, and awareness of audience.

- analyze the ways in which literary works represent the intersections of factors such as race, gender, class, sexuality, disability, ethnicity, environment, and/or belief.

- interpret and evaluate texts and other media through a variety of theoretical and critical lenses (e.g. formalist, Marxist, psychoanalytic, feminist, postcolonial, poststructuralist, etc.).

**Rhetoric, Writing, and Technology (RWT) Track in the English Major**

**Students who complete the English major (BA) with a concentration in RWT will…**

- analyze the rhetorical functions and features of a variety of texts and media.

- produce rhetorically sophisticated texts and/or media for a range of contexts.

**Creative Writing Major and Minor in English**

**Students who complete the English major with a concentration in Creative Writing will…**

- use appropriate craft techniques to develop multiple dimensions of textual complexity in creative compositions.
Research Intensive English (Honors) Track in the English Major

_Students who complete the English major with a Research Intensive concentration will..._

- pursue original research questions that demonstrate advanced awareness of theoretical, historical and interpretive contexts in sustained discipline appropriate written arguments.