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.