Study of English includes literature, rhetoric, and professional and creative writing. Deepen your understanding and appreciation of literature’s imaginative value, gain a global perspective on English literature as a world literature, and hone your skills to express your ideas in a range of contexts. The English major is structured around study of literature in historical context, as an art form, and as cultural critique. Advanced seminars explore major periods and authors in British, U.S., and postcolonial literature, as well as significant themes and theories, such as nature, travel literature, war and literature, gender and sexuality, and ecocriticism.

To complete the major, students are required to take courses in the following areas:
+ Form and Genre
+ History and Context
+ Rhetoric and Argumentation

In keeping with the Jesuit tradition of promoting the development of the whole person, English major requirements include the Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum. The Core provides a framework for acquiring a broad foundation of knowledge in the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences.

English courses offered at SLU-Madrid:
+ The Process of Composition
+ Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research
+ Advanced Writing for Professionals
+ Conflict, Social Justice and Literature
+ Faith, Doubt and Literature
+ Nature, Ecology and Literature
+ Gender, Identity and Literature
+ Technology, Media and Literature
+ Film, Culture and Literature
+ Nation, Identity and Literature
+ Creative Writing: Fiction
+ Topics in Creative Writing: Literature of Travel
+ European Drama
+ British Literary Traditions after 1800
+ Topics in American Literary Traditions: Post-Civil War Political Poetry
+ World Literary Traditions III: Global Postmodernisms
+ Modern Literature: Drama
+ Selected Major British Authors
+ War in Literature (Poetry of Two World Wars)
+ Introduction to Shakespeare
+ 19th Century British Literature
+ Ethnic American Literature (Ethnic Literature of the United States)
+ Literature of the Natural World (Literature and Food)
+ Monsters of Europe: Nature and Monstrosity in European Literature
+ Women in Literature
+ The City and Literature
+ British Culture and Travel: The Victorians at Home and Abroad
+ Topics in Rhetorical Analysis: Discourse of Conflict and Peace
+ Advanced Creative Writing: Drama
+ Introduction to Linguistics
+ Early Shakespeare
+ Topics in Shakespeare - Later Shakespeare
+ Milton
+ Topics in 19th Century Literature: Cervantes and Dickens
+ Topics in 20th/21st Cent British, Irish and Postcolonial Literature and Culture - European Modernism
+ American Postmodernisms
+ English Internship
WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

Words matter. They give us the power to expand the human imagination, to share ideas with others and to control meaning. Our English Department is a close-knit community of talented and expert professors, leaders in literary fields that range from text and narrative, to Shakespearean and Victorian literature and contemporary American poetry and playwriting. Our curriculum covers notable authors as well as literature from the classics to the most innovative contemporary media. What’s more, our vibrant campus is also alive with readings, performances, poetry slams and conferences that resonate with our love of literature.

Because words matter, understanding the how and why will give you the ability to use them to the greatest effect in whatever you choose to do next in your career. An English major (or minor) develops the strong analytic, research and writing skills crucial to success in most professional fields (e.g., law, medicine, journalism), as well as precise, sensitive communication—an asset in any career.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

+ Online Application Form // Common Application
+ 2 letters of recommendation (encouraged)
+ Curriculum vitae/résumé (encouraged)

First-year Students:
+ Secondary school academic transcripts
+ University entrance exam scores (SAT/ACT, IB diploma, A levels, PAU/Selectividad, etc.)

Transfer Students:
+ College transcript(s)
+ Proof of high school graduation

Non-native English speakers must submit an official English exam (TOEFL or IELTS).

Detailed information is available on our website.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

SLU-Madrid is committed to supporting students—and their families—who choose to invest in themselves and their future by studying at the Madrid Campus. Each student, from any state in the U.S., any region in Spain, or any country in the world, is eligible for University-funded aid. Scholarship/financial aid programs available include:

+ Merit Scholarships
+ Grants and Loans
+ Departmental Support Scholarships
+ Jesuit High School Award
+ Catholic High School Award
+ Madrid Campus Antiguos Alumnos Award
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