



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

*Department of English*

**Major: English**

**Degree: B.A.**

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### Program Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Methods

#### Student Learning Outcomes

1. **Linguistics.** Students will demonstrate knowledge of the foundational principles of linguistics, including an understanding of the social and cultural contexts of language.
2. **Grammar.** Students will demonstrate knowledge of basic English grammar and be able to analyze the basic structures and functions of language in general and the English language in particular.
3. **Literary History.** Students will demonstrate a basic knowledge of the history of literature in English and its wider cultural and social contexts.
4. **Literary Criticism and Theory.** Students will apply general knowledge of critical and theoretical approaches to literature.
5. **Textual Analysis.** Students will analyze a broad range of literary and nonfiction texts, both those in which they have received instruction and those which may be new to them.
6. **Writing.** Students will write effectively in a variety of print and electronic genres. Such ability includes formulating topics, thinking critically about topics, analyzing audience, conducting necessary research, and producing finished work that meets good editorial standards.
7. **Professional Competence.** Students will integrate the above knowledge and skills to attain a level of literate competency sufficient for productive employment and advanced study. Such competency includes thorough citation of sources, informed participation in discussion, ethical persuasive practices, responsible collaboration, tolerance for linguistic differences, and accurate representation of texts.

#### Assessment Methods (Outcomes)

- University Writing Project
- Course reports
- ENGL 350 portfolio
- Teacher licensure assessments (portfolio, ILTS for ELA, clinical evaluation, student teaching evaluations, edTPA)
- Internship reports
- English Majors Exit Survey
- NIU Alumni Survey

