ENGLISH: ENGLISH CONCENTRATION, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelors of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in English, English Concentration

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**Concentration Requirements**

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<td>Introduction to the Study of Literature and Culture (prerequisite for other English courses; can be taken at the same time as a course that satisfies the Composition I requirement)</td>
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<td>ENGL 301</td>
<td>Introduction to Critical Theory</td>
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<td>ENGL 350</td>
<td>Writing about Literature, Text, and Culture</td>
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**Historical Surveys**

Students are encouraged to take these required survey courses as early as possible after completing ENGL 200.

Two courses from the following options:

- ENGL 209 Early British Literature and Culture
- ENGL 255 Early American Literature and Culture
- ENGL 259 Early African American Literature and Culture
- Any ethnic literature survey with a significant pre-1900 focus

**Period Courses (American, British, Anglophone, etc.)**

6 hours: At least two courses that cover at least two of the following categories:

- Medieval Literature & Culture (before 1550)
- Shakespeare
- Early Modern Literature & Culture (1550-1660, other than Shakespeare)
- Eighteenth-Century Literature & Culture (1660-1800)

3 hours: At least one course in Nineteenth-Century Literature & Culture

3 hours: At least one course in Twentieth-Century Literature & Culture

3 hours: At least one course in Contemporary Literature & Culture

**Elective Coursework**

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Information listed in this catalog is current as of 04/2022
At least three courses chosen from those controlled by or cross-listed with the Department of English (Business and Technical Writing, Creative Writing, and English)

One course in Difference and Diaspora. This requirement can be fulfilled by taking an appropriately focused course from among ENGL 350: Writing about Literature, Text, and Culture; the historical surveys; the period courses; or the elective coursework.

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Chosen from the list maintained in the Department of English. Note: ENGL 350 can serve as a period course, a cluster course, an elective course, and/or a Difference and Diaspora course only when it is not also being used to fulfill a core requirement. Students who wish to use ENGL 350 in this way must thus take the course a second time (and with a different topic than the first time).

Student may count one Independent Study course (ENGL 290, ENGL 390 or BTW 290) toward the additional coursework requirement.