English
Degree Designation: BA
Concentration: Literature

Mission Statement
The Department of English at the University of South Florida is a community of teacher-scholars and writers whose mission is to promote learning in language, composition, literature, critical theory, pedagogy, and professional, technical, and creative writing. The Department at both the undergraduate and graduate levels promotes the development of life-long skills in language, critical thinking, reading, writing, and research; embraces intellectual and human diversity; and fosters comparative and interdisciplinary approaches.

Student Learning Outcomes

Content / Discipline Skills
• Analyze the elements of literary works of various genres
• Discuss primary works from a range of periods in British and American literature
• Describe cultural, historical, and philosophical contexts of the works studied

Critical Thinking Skills
• Interpret literature by means of critical analysis
• Connect literary study with lived experience

Communication Skills
• Employ commonly accepted English grammar and usage
• Apply effective research techniques, including internet applications
• Present ideas effectively in writing and in speech

Assessment Strategies
• The literature faculty of the Department of English will measure students’ achievement of the identified core learning outcomes through a variety of mechanisms, including examinations, oral reports, critical and research papers and other written assignments.