

**Major Field Assessment Plan  
B. A. English**

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to meet the education and cultural needs, primarily of Southeast Louisiana, to disseminate knowledge and to facilitate life-long learning through quality instruction, research and service in a safe, student-centered environment.

The purpose of the B.A. in English is to develop effectiveness in communication, provide cultural and social background, and prepare students for entrance to graduate school and/or a variety of professions and vocations.

**Goal 1**

English majors will have broad knowledge of the English language and literature in English.

A. Expected Outcome

English majors will have adequate knowledge of literary theory, literary history and culture, and major literary works.

Assessment

English majors will earn at least a C average in their major courses.

B. Expected Outcome

English majors will have adequate knowledge of the English language, including grammar, rhetoric, and composition.

Assessment

In each of the major courses, at least one written work will be evaluated for expertise in grammar, rhetoric, and composition. English majors will earn at least a C average in their major courses.

C. Expected Outcome

Majors should express satisfaction with the quality of instruction and the overall learning environment provided by the Department of English

Assessment

SLU Exit Survey

## Goal 2

English majors will have the necessary skills to engage in scholarly research and criticism.

### A. Expected Outcome

Majors will be able to use the major indices and library resources pertinent to research in English and in other appropriate fields.

#### Assessment

80% of the English majors will earn B or better in LS 102.

### B. Expected Outcome

English majors will be able to analyze intelligently and critically both prose and verse.

#### Assessment

Majors will successfully complete at least twelve hours of English courses which emphasize critical analysis of prose and poetry and will compose a critical essay or research paper all of these courses.

### C. Expected Outcome

English majors will acquire thorough knowledge and skill in the use of MLA documentation format.

#### Assessment

Every paper assigned in the major classes beginning with English 102 will be evaluated carefully for correct use of MLA documentation.

## Goal 3

English majors will have the necessary skills to engage in scholarly research and criticism.

### A. Expected Outcome

At least 50% of English majors will be accepted to graduate school or will be employed in a profession utilizing their language and literature skills within six months after graduation.

## Assessment

SLU Survey of Undergraduate Degree Alumni

### **Goal 4**

English Education majors will possess cultural knowledge and global awareness through reading, research, and field experience.

#### A. Expected Outcome

English Education majors will acquire knowledge of other countries, governments, cultures, peoples, languages, and histories through a study of literature.

#### Assessment

Students have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of multi-cultural and ethnic literatures, including English 121H (Ancient Epic), 122H (Modern Epic), 230 (World Literature), 231 (British Literature), 291H (Tragedy and Comedy), 292H (Modern Fiction), 301 (English Literature to the Restoration), 303 (English Literature from the Restoration), 310 (Black Writers), 331 (Shakespeare: Comedies and Romances), 332 (Shakespeare: Tragedies and Histories), 351 (Literature in Translation to the Renaissance), 352 (Literature in Translation from the Renaissance to the Present), 374 (Literature and Film), 392 (Native American Literature), 411/506 (English Novel), 412/507 (The Continental Novel), 429/527 (Woman's Literature), more specific upper-level classes in British and World Literature, 480/580 (Non-European Literature), and 415 Special Topics courses which explore such global topics as ethnic literature, gender issues in literature, and specific global literary influences like the Vietnam War.

#### B. Expected Outcome

The number and quality of multi-cultural literary studies classes will increase.

#### Assessment

The English Department is now conducting searches for two tenure-track positions in the field of Literature of the Americas as well as in issues of race and sexualities from a global perspective. These new positions will expand current teaching in global issues in our department.

#### C. Expected Outcome

English Education majors will have more opportunity and encouragement to acquire knowledge of other countries, governments, peoples, languages, and histories through field experience.

## Assessment

Students participation in study-abroad programs will increase because of greater information on present programs, teacher encouragement to participate in these programs, and dissemination of information about scholarships and other inducements to student travel