ENGLISH MAJOR

The goals of the English major are to develop:

• an ability to write clear, coherent, organized, and persuasive prose
• an ability to read closely and interpret literary and other cultural texts (including poetry, fiction, and drama)
• an ability to connect the analysis of texts to appropriate historical and other contexts
• a knowledge of literary genres and appropriate use of critical terminology
• a knowledge of literary theory and its relevance to literary analysis
• an awareness of different periods of literary history, from the medieval period to the contemporary
• an awareness that there are a variety of critical approaches to literary and cultural texts
• an awareness of the range of perspectives and aesthetic traditions within English literature, including ones previously considered marginal to the canon