# **ACADEMIC LEARNING COMPACT**

# **English Literature, B.A.**

#### **Mission Statement**

The Literature Specialization prepares students for graduate-level work in English; provides students with valuable pre-law, pre-medical, and other pre-professional training; and gives students solid preparation for careers in such areas as business, communications, or government service.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

UWF English Literature, B.A. graduates should be able to do the following:

#### **Content**

• Describe the historical and formal elements of literary works (such as genre, diction, prosody, figurative language, and narrative structure).

## **Critical Thinking**

• Interpret literary works by writers of various genres, periods, traditions, and backgrounds, bringing diverse theoretical and methodological perspectives to these texts.

#### **Communication**

• Present clear and effective ideas and arguments in writing using well-formed sentences, well-structured paragraphs, and proper English grammar and syntax.

# **Integrity/Values**

 Adhere to discipline-specific professional and academic standards, including style and attribution conventions (MLA or Chicago). Develop critical and artistic consciousness through the study of underrepresented experiences and cultures (both local and global) and demonstrate this consciousness through writing.

## **Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes**

Our commitment to students is to provide learning opportunities of the highest quality possible. In return we expect hard work and dedication. As students take advantage of majors-only classes with our nationally and internationally recognized faculty, their progress will be assessed in a variety of ways. These include: formal essays, quizzes, short critical responses, group projects, exams, individual meetings with professors, oral presentations, skills-building exercises (such as crafting thesis statements), contributions to online discussions, and, during a capstone course in the senior year, special projects involving engagement with the community. Before graduation, students will also complete an exit survey in which they assess their own intellectual growth and professional development as an English major.

## Job Prospects for English Literature, B.A. Graduates

Graduates with English Literature majors have many options after graduation for employment. Although some jobs require additional training in graduate school, many graduates can qualify for employment directly upon completion of the undergraduate major.

- Publisher Editor
- Creative Writer Playwright
- Technical Writer Journalist
- Advertising Specialist Teacher
- Lawyer Business Person
- Librarian.

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