

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE



### Graduate Literature & Culture Certificate (18 credits)

#### Vision Statement

The graduate certificate in literature and culture offers an education in the intersection between literature written in English—either originally or in translation—with human culture broadly considered. The certificate will give high school teachers the credential to teach preparatory coursework worthy of college credit at UNO and other universities. And it is also designed as a continuing education option for anyone wishing to study literature at a post-baccalaureate level for personal enrichment. The certificate can be earned as part of the larger MA in English at UNO, and it can also be applied toward completion of that larger program retroactively.

#### The certificate teaches:

- literature of every period, from ancient to modern, in a variety of thematic and historical contexts;
- cultural encounters captured imaginatively on the pages of the literary text;
- the relationship of a culture to the literature produced within it, both harmonious and discordant;
- theories of literary effects on the course of human culture and history; and
- literature as a celebrated artifact of human hope, critique, and beauty.

“By receiving the Literature and Culture Certificate, my studies in cultural trends and theories have established an empathy and curiosity in me that has continued in my new position teaching college classes.”

**Whitney Jorgensen**  
Northern Kentucky University

#### Certificate Requirements

This is a 18-hour/6-course certificate. Any student who has already completed an undergraduate degree may apply

##### Required Courses

1. ENGL 8010 *Text-Based Research Methods*
2. Five additional courses from this list:
  - ENGL 8026 *Amer Poetry to 1900*
  - ENGL 8036 *Amer Poetry since 1900*
  - ENGL 8216 *The Harlem Renaissance*
  - ENGL 8286 *Queer American Wests*
  - ENGL 8336 *Renaissance Satire*
  - TED 8660 *Young Adult Literature*
  - ENGL 8956 *Bringing the War Home*
  - ENGL 8066 *The American Novel*
  - ENGL 8160 *Postmodern Fiction US*
  - ENGL 8166 *ST: Amer Regionalism*
  - ENGL 8236 *Latino Literature*
  - ENGL 8246 *Teaching Latino Lit*
  - ENGL 8256 *Women's Studies in Lit*
  - ENGL 8266 *Global Women Writers*
  - ENGL 8300 *Seminar: Shakespeare*
  - ENGL 8306 *Anglo-Saxon Literature*
  - ENGL 8346 *Shakespeare*
  - ENGL 8396 *Medieval Celtic Lit*
  - ENGL 8416 *Lit of Romantice Period*
  - ENGL 8436 *British and Anglophone*
  - And many more



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## Additional Requirements

### Bachelor's Degree\*\*

A bachelor's degree is required. All courses in this program are taken at the 8000 level.

Students who do not bring 18 hours of undergraduate study in English, however, would be obligated to enroll in ENGL 8010 as their first course of study in the certificate.

### How to apply

If you would like to complete the Graduate Literature and Culture Certificate, you can enroll by applying to Graduate Studies. <https://www.unomaha.edu/graduate-studies/>



## A Message from the Director



Human culture has long sought self-awareness through literature. A mirror made up entirely of language, literature reflects a world that challenges and mystifies its inhabitants. And

while literature can accurately represent or else distort the culture producing it, it always provokes conversations about the lives we lead and the cultures that inscribe us.

The Literature and Culture certificate in English offers advanced study of the intersection between culture and the literary arts. The post-baccalaureate certificate is 18 hours (usually 6 courses) of graduate coursework in which literature is the centerpiece. One course in the professional study of literature, intended to introduce graduate students to text-based research, is required of all certificate students.

This 18-hour certificate is suitable for anyone wishing to return to the university for personal enrichment and to take a deeper dive into literary analysis. It is also a stand-alone credential for teachers who aim to teach college-level coursework in their high schools. Completing the certificate with a minimum 3.0 G.P.A. automatically qualifies teachers as contributors to UNO's Dual Enrollment program.

**Dr. Bob Darcy**  
*Literature & Culture Certificate Director*

## Learn More

Advance your career with a Graduate Certificate in Literature and Culture from UNO.

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