



**College of Arts and Humanities
Academic Learning Compacts**

English - B.A.

Discipline Specific Knowledge, Skills, Behavior and Values

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- 4. Digital Literacy Competency:** Graduates of the Department of English B. A. program will demonstrate the ability to use appropriate digital technology, software, and the Internet to complete their assignments. Graduates will move beyond the immediate use of Google in conducting their research and will take advantage of opportunities for learning new

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Critical Thinking

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Assessment of English - B.A. Outcomes

These outcomes will be assessed using a variety of assessment methods, including:

- Projects
- Essays
- Papers
- Presentations