



STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES ENGLISH - B.A.

Discipline Specific Knowledge, Skills, Behavior and Values

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- 2. Thesis Development, Support, and Structure and Organization Competency:** Graduates of the English Department's BA program will demonstrate the ability to write essays, fiction, and poetry that meet the requirements of individual assignments and track expectations. While specific expectations will vary from track to track and from assignment to assignment, student work should be unified and organized around a central thesis, compelling narrative line, or clear purpose, and it should have sufficient support and relevant and meaningful details. Paragraphs, sections, and stanzas should build upon each other in a logical manner so that the coherence of the larger piece is apparent.
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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 research and technology strategies.
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1. Understand at a basic level how AI technologies work.
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3. Prompt AI to produce useful outputs.
4. Evaluate the relevance, usefulness, and accuracy of AI outputs.
5. Monitor and articulate the role of AI tools in their own learning.
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7. Understand the potential harms of AI, both those inherent to the technology and those that arise from misuse.

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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