Program Outcomes: BA in English

Those successfully completing Concordia’s Bachelor of Arts in English Program will be able to:

- Demonstrate a broad awareness of texts and their historical and cultural context in English, American and/or World literature, recognizing that literature has served a role in social change.
- Discuss various major philosophical and cultural issues addressed in literature.
- Distinguish the genres of literature (drama, poetry and prose, fictional and nonfictional) and various approaches to reading literature with acuity and insight (e.g. Realism, Romanticism, Naturalism, Impressionism, Expressionism, Modernism, Post-Modernism, Structuralism, Post-Structuralism, et al.).
- Demonstrate, in oral and written form, the ability to read and evaluate primary documents according to the rubrics of various literary critical approaches.
- Do research using print and electronic resources to create new syntheses of ideas addressed in literature.
- Demonstrate an attitude of service and commitment to social change.
- Appreciate the interconnectedness and interdisciplinarity of all knowledge.
- Demonstrate curiosity, humility and courage reflecting a commitment to reading and critical inquiry.

Every student graduating with a BA degree in English will successfully complete a Senior Project. This requirement can be met either by completing an extensive practicum in their field of interest outside of the university or by carrying out original research and writing a thesis based on the research that must be defended before a panel of faculty members in a public defense. In either case the student will work closely with a faculty mentor who will guide them through the process. It is our belief that a primary goal of a college education should be to turn a student from one who gains knowledge to one who produces knowledge.