

Student Learning Outcomes

Below are the learning outcomes that students in Reading, Composition, and Literature courses must master in keeping with the department's mission and goals. They form the basis for measuring what the student has accomplished upon completing courses in the English Department. Also, these Student Learning Outcomes provide the foundation for specific course objectives as detailed in the syllabi of courses in the English Department.

1. Students will have knowledge of basic English grammar, including an understanding of the basic structures and functions of language, as well as its social and cultural aspects.
2. Students will be able to read critically in a broad range of texts, both those which they have encountered before and those which are new to them. They will analyze these texts in light of their historical and cultural contexts.
3. Students will be able to write effectively in a variety of genres. They will be able to formulate topics, think critically about topics, analyze their audience, conduct necessary research, and produce finished work that meets good editorial standards.
4. Students will read and analyze with enjoyment and appreciation the various genres of literature. Their general knowledge of critical approaches to literature and understanding of the diversity of cultural contexts will enrich the quality of their lives.
5. Students will be able to bring together the knowledge and abilities learned in their courses to attain productive employment, citizenship, and an enriched quality of life. Some students will master the subjects sufficiently to go on to advanced study in English or other disciplines that require mastery of the skills and abilities described above.

