Within the Literature program you can pursue a B.A. degree in Literary Studies, Creative Writing, Theatre/English, or Secondary Education English Certification. A minor in Literature is also available. Detailed curriculum information can be found at stockton.edu/arhu.

TOP FIVE REASONS TO STUDY LITERATURE AT STOCKTON

1. Because “poetry is not only dream and vision; it is the skeleton architecture of our lives. It lays the foundations for a future of change, a bridge across our fears of what has never been before” (Audre Lorde): literature contains all the disciplines—from science, politics, history, religion and philosophy to psychology, economics, music, art, and film. When you study literature, you study the world. [Global Awareness]

2. Because “language is a virus” (Laurie Anderson) and knowledge of it is the cure: Literature majors can become experts in using language to understand and to critique our systems of knowledge and perception. [Critical Thinking]

3. Because inarticulateness is well, bad: the critical thinking, written and verbal communication skills Literature majors develop allow them to enter a variety of careers as well as graduate study. In fact, English is the language of international business. As a result, employers, such as Logitech CEO Bracken Darrell, “love hiring English majors.” [Communication Skills]

4. Because Literature has some of the best professors and we will know your name: Literature offers small classes and a variety of opportunities for on- and off-campus internships and independent study—including creative writing projects, projects in the digital humanities, and opportunities to work with the South Jersey Culture & History Center. [Information Literacy & Research Skills, Teamwork & Collaboration]

5. Because you should study what you love. Have a passion for reading and writing? We will help you study what you love and find the careers that will utilize these skills. [Adapting to Change]
SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

STUDY ABROAD AND INTERNSHIPS
The Literature program encourages its majors to pursue at least one term of study abroad or one term of internship (e.g., the Washington Internship). Of schools not located in the District of Columbia, Stockton has the largest Washington Internship program of any University or university in the country. The full-semester internship for 12 credits can be a useful tool for gaining career experience and contacts. A sample of previous placements for majors in Literature includes internships with the United Press International’s Capitol Hill Investigative Reporter, The National Journal, The Hill Rag, and D.C. Public Defender, as well as congressional and executive offices.

SCHOLARSHIPS, CLUBS, AND HONOR SOCIETIES
The program maintains an active chapter of the international honor society Sigma Tau Delta, as well as the literature club, Idols of the Tribe. The program brings students, faculty, and alumni together for career workshops, meet-and-greet information gatherings, graduate school application workshops, and the annual LITT Bash, a large party to honor outstanding student work and celebrate the completion of the academic year.

The Literature program also sponsors the Visiting Writers Series: public readings by poets, novelists, and non-fiction authors with local, national, and international reputations. Past visiting writers include Jeffrey Eugenides, Sharon Olds, Marilyn Nelson, Marie Howe, Tony Hoagland, Mark Strand, Alicia Ostriker, and Mark Doty. We also publish a student-run journal, Stockpot.

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Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it. –Maya Angelou