

Literature

Academic Planning Worksheet 2025-2026

Simmons University

Office of Undergraduate Advising

Notes

- Major requires 40 credit hours. Simmons requires that all undergraduates complete a minimum of 128 credits of coursework, fulfill PLAN and major/program requirements, and submit a Senior Audit form to graduate.
- All Students are required to complete a capstone before graduating. Consult with your advisor on how best to fill this requirement.
- You may declare a major in the beginning of the first year fall semester. You must declare a major prior to earning 80 credits.
- Of the ten courses required for the major, TWO must be upper-level literature courses, including one 200-level research methods course and one 300-level course.
- LTWR 199 is the prerequisite to all 300-level classes offered by this program.
- Students are encouraged to pursue Honors in Literature & Writing through additional course work: requirements are completion of 12 courses, including LTWR 390, a GPA of 3.5 in the major, and a grade of A- or higher in LTWR 390.

Core Requirements

Majors will complete two core courses. LTWR 199 is an introduction to the major and is open to all students thinking about majoring in Literature or Writing. All potential majors are urged to take it no later than the beginning of their sophomore year. While LTWR 199 and 200 constitute a sequence and must be taken in that order, it is not necessary to take them in consecutive semesters.

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Complete
LTWR 199	Approaches to Literature	4	
LTWR 200 or LTWR 221*	Introduction to Theory or Introduction to Film and Media Theory (WI)	4	

*Students minoring in Cinema and Media Studies may take LTWR 221: Introduction to Film and Media Theory in place of LTWR 200.

Literature in Context

Complete TWO courses that emphasize Literature and Social Change.

Course Selected	Credits	Complete
	4	
	4	

Complete TWO courses that emphasize Literary Tradition.

Course Selected	Credits	Complete
	4	
	4	

Complete ONE 200-level course.

Course Selected	Credits	Complete
	4	

Complete ONE 300-level course.

Course Selected	Credits	Complete
	4	

Electives

Complete TWO additional Literature & Writing courses.

Course Selected	Credits	Completed
	4	
	4	

Capstone

Complete 4 credit hours, from the following list, to receive capstone credit through the Literature & Writing program. Students are encouraged to complete their capstone in this program, but dual majors may obtain capstone credit through their second major. Courses taken for capstone credit do not count toward the ten courses required for the major or the five courses required for the minor.

- LTWR 350 Independent Study 4
- LTWR 380 Fieldwork 4
- LTWR 390 Advanced Seminar in Literature and Writing 4
- HUM 370 Internship 4 or 8

Course Selected	Credits	Complete

PLAN Requirements

The Simmons PLAN is the undergraduate general education program. Some PLAN courses may be fulfilled with required major courses. Additional PLAN requirements may be fulfilled through electives, courses in minors, or other course offerings. Work closely with advisor(s) to choose courses.

Notes:

- [KCA, KSA, Honorific Courses - Master List](#) (beginning Fall 2024)
- A course can satisfy only **one** KCA **or** KSA: Students cannot count one course for two different PLAN requirements.
- Students are allowed to take each of the three required KCAs in their major, if they wish.
- At least two KSAs must be taken outside of the major.
- Any given course will satisfy only the specific KCA or KSA designation it holds at the time it is taken by the student.

General Education PLAN Requirements	Year	Completed
Math: 1) Prior to first year, pass Math Placement Exam or 2) In first year, enroll in MATH 101 (4 credits)	Summer/ Year One	
WRI 101: Writing Boston (4 credits)	Year One	

General Education PLAN Requirements	Year	Completed
SIM 100: Simmons Course: Explore (2 credits)		
SIM 200: Simmons Course: Extend (2 credits)	Year Two or Three	

PLAN Key Content Area Courses (KCA)	Courses Used to Fulfill	Completed
Aesthetic, Literary and Artistic (ALA)	LTWR 199	
Global Historical (GH)		
Scientific Inquiry (SCI)		

PLAN Key Skills Area Courses (KSA)	Courses Used to Fulfill	Completed
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice (DEIJ)		
Integrative Learning (IL)		
Leadership (LDR)		
Quantitative Literacy (QL)		
Writing-Intensive (WI)		