

LITERATURE (COURSE 21L)

Literature Section (<http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/literature/#undergraduatetext>)

Bachelor of Science in Literature

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements	Subjects
Science Requirement	6
Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement [between three and six subjects can be from the Departmental Program]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.	8
Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement	2
Laboratory Requirement (12 units)	1
Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree	17

Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Required Subjects	Units
Select three of the following seminars ¹	36
21L.701 Literary Methods (CI-M)	
21L.702 Studies in Fiction (CI-M)	
21L.703 Studies in Drama (CI-M)	
21L.704 Studies in Poetry (CI-M)	
21L.705 Major Authors (CI-M)	
21L.706 Studies in Film (CI-M)	
21L.707 Problems in Cultural Interpretation (CI-M)	
21L.709 Studies in Literary History (CI-M)	
21L.715 Media in Cultural Context (CI-M)	

Restricted Electives

Select seven additional subjects to form a coherent program ^{1,2} 78-84

Units in Major	114-120
Unrestricted Electives ³	96-102
Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs	(36-72)
Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree	180

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

- ¹ Four of the 10 subjects from the required subjects and restricted electives must be chosen, in consultation with a faculty advisor, either from four of five historical periods (ancient and medieval; Renaissance and Restoration; 18th century and Enlightenment; 19th century and Romanticism; 20th century and contemporary culture) or from four of five thematic complexes (historical period; genre or mode; author study; film, media, and popular culture; gender and ethnic studies).
- ² A maximum of three subjects may be selected from among introductory subjects (<http://lit.mit.edu/curriculum/introductory-subjects>), as described on the Literature website.
- ³ This chart has been calculated based on an overlap of 36 units (three subjects) between the HASS General Institute Requirement and the departmental requirements. Students who develop a program of study with more overlap will be able to select more unrestricted electives to meet the number of total units beyond the GIRs required for an SB degree.