

## BA Program in Literature

**1: Have formal learning outcomes been developed?**      Yes

**2: Where are these learning outcomes located:**    JSC course catalogue and online at <http://www.jsc.edu/Academics/CourseCatalogues/2009UGradCatalogue/index.htm>

**3) Other than GPA, what data/evidence is used to determine that graduates have achieved the stated outcomes for the degree? (e.g. capstone course, portfolio review, licensure examination).**

See responses to question 5, below.

**4) Who interprets the evidence? What is the process? (e.g. annually by the curriculum committee)**

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**5) What changes have been made as a result of using the data/evidence?**

To improve students' access to the skills and content described in the program's learning outcomes, Literary Criticism and Theory has been designated a required course, along with the Seminar in Literature. These courses will be prerequisites for a senior capstone course under development.

This capstone course, tentatively called a Literary Research Tutorial, will focus on bibliographic techniques and research and will require each senior to develop an independent research paper suitable for submission to an undergraduate research conference. Students will also deliver their papers in a public forum at the college. Departmental faculty will critique the presentations at this forum providing a narrative evaluation of commendations and recommendations.

As they proceed through the major, students will prepare a portfolio of selected coursework to be evaluated periodically by department faculty, using a rubric based program's learning outcomes. Formal assessments will occur when students submit a Plan of Study to major in literature (at 45 credits) and when they have completed the prerequisites (at 90 credits) for the senior capstone tutorial. Competencies for these assessments will be developed along with recommendations for students whose work is not yet satisfactory. These will be conveyed to students in a narrative evaluation of commendations and recommendations.

**6) Date most recent program review (for general education and each degree program).**

The program underwent a comprehensive VSC Policy 101 review in 2008.