

CERTIFICATE IN LITERATURE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

Department of Languages

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Certificate Description

This four-course certificate (12 semester hours total) is designed to increase students' knowledge of children's and young adult literature while helping them achieve certain career goals. For students who intend to pursue doctoral work, concentrated study in children's and young adult literature will help to prepare them to specialize in these fields at the doctoral level. For those who teach at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels, such study will enhance their teaching careers by increasing their knowledge of literature for young people and helping satisfy certain professional development requirements of local school districts. For prospective or practicing librarians, the certificate will provide further expertise in establishing and maintaining library collections for young readers. Depending upon course rotation, students may finish the certificate within one year.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for the graduate certificate in literature for children and young adults, students need not have an undergraduate degree in English, but they must have a B.A. or B.S. degree and meet the requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies at YSU. Certificate courses must be completed with a GPA of at least 3.0.

Certificate Requirements

| COURSE | TITLE | S.H. |
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| ENGL 6918 | Studies in Children's Literature | 3 |
| ENGL 6919 | Studies in Young Adult Literature | 3 |
| ENGL 6927 | Historical Survey of Literature for Young People | 3 |
| Complete one course from the following, if the topic relates to children's or young adult literature, with permission of the certificate director: | | 3 |
| ENGL 6906 | Teaching of Literature | |
| ENGL 6918 | Studies in Children's Literature (may be repeated with a different topic) | |
| ENGL 6919 | Studies in Young Adult Literature (may be repeated with a different topic) | |
| ENGL 6975 | English Education Seminar | |
| ENGL 6976 | Studies in English Education | |
| ENGL 6990 | Special Topics | |
| ENGL 6969 | Writing the Youth Novel | |
| Or students may elect to take one course in a related discipline (e.g., psychology, history, education, art) when content is appropriate, with permission of the certificate director. | | |

Total Semester Hours

12