Taught for the first time in Fall 2018, Literate Lives emerged to introduce UMSL English majors to literacy studies as well as to forge new paths into a freshly adopted UMSL English major. Particularly, the course offers an opportunity to focus on Language and Writing Studies, and we even foresee it as a degree focus. This talk will discuss how a restructuring of the UMSL English major allowed for an opportunity to develop Literate Lives, a course that considers where English studies is headed.