



ENGLISH PROGRAM DETAILS

Our English major presents a traditional approach to literature, with a focus on British literature and additional coverage of American and World literatures. Students pursuing an English degree with secondary certification receive the full English major in addition to extensive coursework in Education, culminating in a semester of student teaching (clinical practice). The English/Communication major combines a substantial portion of the English major with coursework and hands-on training in media writing and other communication methods.

In the English major, students begin with a solid grounding in three central literary genres: Studies in Poetry, Fiction, and Drama (ENG 220, 222, 224). The department offers two of these courses in face-to-face format each fall and spring semester (in rotation), and Fiction online in the summer.

Building on this basis of the genres, students take a three-semester sequence of courses in British literature and literary theory. Renaissance Literature (ENG 306) covers literature of the 16th and 17th centuries, and Romantic Literature (ENG 310) includes the 18th and early 19th centuries, while critical theory (ENG 230) focuses on methods for studying literary texts.

To complement the study of British literature of the Renaissance and Romantic eras, a four-semester rotation includes a multi-part survey of American literature and specialized courses in Shakespeare (ENG 406) and Classical literature (ENG 302), taught in translation. In traditional manner, the first American literature survey ends at the Civil War (ENG 318: antebellum), while the second survey covers American literature after it (ENG 320: post-bellum). The department also offers several topics courses to help students access a range of literary traditions. Some recent topics include Nineteenth-Century Women's Literature (Spring 2016) and Modern British Literature (Fall 2016).

ENGLISH/COMMUNICATION MAJOR

The English/Communication major centers on a three-part sequence of courses in media writing (ENG/COM 240X, 340X, 440X), in addition to literature. It also includes multiple semesters of writing for the weekly student newspaper, the *Trinity Digest* and other courses in communication and graphic design.