Department of English and Comparative Literature (GRAD)

Contact Information

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The English and comparative literature program offers a course of study leading to a doctor of philosophy degree, with potential specializations in a range of areas. We encourage our graduate students to discover a particular field, learn its histories, and define its problems. Through coursework, independent reading, and research, and with the support of an academic advisor, students develop a major field of study, as well as a focus of interest that often takes shape within or adjacent to the major field of study. See Programs for more information on these areas of study.

Admissions Requirements

Application for admission must be made by The Graduate School’s electronic application process. These also serve as applications for fellowships and assistantships if the applicant marks the appropriate statement on the form.

Applicants for advanced degrees must have completed an undergraduate degree, customarily with a major in English, comparative literature, a foreign language, area studies, or related field, at the time of enrollment. To be reviewed for admission by the department’s graduate advisory committee, applications must be supported by Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, at least three letters of recommendation, and official transcripts showing courses, grades, and degrees awarded. A writing sample and a personal statement also should be submitted. Those students applying to the Ph.D. program who wish to focus on comparative literature should also submit (by mail on a CD or by email as an mp3 or mp4 file) a five- to seven-minute recorded sample of the student reading a selection of text in his or her second language beyond English. This recorded sample should be sent to the attention of the director of graduate admissions.

Students who have already completed an M.A. degree in English, comparative literature, a foreign language literature, or comparative literature at another institution may petition the relevant director of graduate studies for a reduction of up to nine credits (three courses) from their UNC–Chapel Hill requirements. More information about the department can be obtained via its Web site (http://englishcomplit.unc.edu).

Fellowships and Assistantships

Financial support for graduate students is described in the Admissions and Financial Information section of the Graduate Catalog. All applicants to the Department of English and Comparative Literature are eligible to compete for University fellowships and assistantships. In addition, the department awards two types of assistantships—research assistantships and teaching fellowships. Neither is usually available in the summer. Research assistants are assigned to faculty members to help with research projects. Teaching fellows have full instructional responsibility for sections of beginning composition or, in the case of some comparative literature students, foreign language courses. Graduate students in the third year of the English Ph.D. program who also have taught at least four sections of composition become eligible for teaching literature courses. Non-native speakers are not considered for teaching fellowships until they have been enrolled in the Ph.D. program for at least a year. Teaching fellows earn an annual stipend; they are trained and supervised by the directors of composition and undergraduate studies, and they are subject to student and faculty evaluation.

Foreign Language Proficiency

If a student wishes to focus on comparative literature, the department requires new Ph.D. students to arrive with fluency in a foreign or classical language and at least a beginning level of a second, and to attain to a proficiency in a second language before advancing to candidacy. The program encourages study and research abroad, as well as summer language study to increase foreign language proficiency. Graduating Ph.D. students are expected to achieve a level of expertise in a foreign language that would enable them to teach in a foreign language department, as well as in a comparative literature or English department.

The English program also considers a reading knowledge of foreign languages essential to the educational and professional aims of its degree programs. Ph.D. candidates in the English program must demonstrate proficiency in two languages. The department recommends Latin, French, German, Italian, or Spanish. The use of other languages to fulfill the requirement must be approved by the director of graduate studies. An undergraduate major in an approved language automatically satisfies the requirement. Ordinarily, however, students fulfill the requirements by passing an examination administered through the University; by completing reading courses for graduate students offered by the classics, German, and Romance languages departments; or, while enrolled as graduate students, by completing with a grade of at least B an undergraduate literature course in a foreign language. One foreign language requirement must be satisfied before the completion of English Ph.D. exams; the second requirement must be satisfied before the student schedules the Ph.D. defense. ENGL 814, History of the English Language, may be used to fulfill one of the two foreign language requirements for English Ph.D. candidates.

Library and Research Facilities

The library system at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is ranked among the top 20 research libraries in the United States. It has excellent holdings for the study of English philology and British and American literature, including the Southern Historical Collection (containing manuscripts, letters, and diaries) and the Hanes Collection of Incunabula. Through cooperative arrangements, university libraries in the Triangle area are open to graduate students from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The Department of English and Comparative Literature offers an M.A. in literature, medicine, and culture, and a Ph.D. in English and comparative literature.

Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature

The English and comparative literature program offers a course of study leading to a doctor of philosophy degree, with potential specializations in a range of areas. We encourage our graduate students to discover
a particular field, learn its histories, and define its problems. Through coursework, independent reading, and research, and with the support of an academic advisor, students develop a major field of study, as well as a focus of interest that often takes shape within or adjacent to the major field of study. The student’s organization of the field and focus should be rigorous enough to situate the student within a discipline, tradition, or area, and supple enough to accommodate his or her specific interests, questions, and predilections. Subject to the approval of the academic advisor and the director of graduate studies, the field and focus will form the basis of the Ph.D. examination (written exams on each field and an oral exam on both thereafter). One’s focus can be defined in many different ways. It can be characterized in terms of a genre, such as drama, lyric, the novel, film, literary criticism, or theory; or in terms of a particular period. For doctoral students focusing on English literature, suggested fields include:

- Medieval literature
- Renaissance literature
- 18th-Century British literature
- Romanticism
- Victorian literature
- 19th-Century American literature
- 20th-Century American literature
- Critical theory
- Digital humanities
- Medicine and literature
- Multi-ethnic American literature
- Cultural studies
- Rhetoric and composition
- Film studies, among many others

A partial list of well-recognized foci for both English and comparative literature includes:

- Philosophy and literature
- History of science/medicine/technology/psychology
- Visual culture/art history (including photography, et al.)
- Cinema/film studies
- Sexuality studies/gender studies/queer theory
- Anthropology and literature
- Religion and literature
- Politics and/or social thought
- Theater/spectacle/performance theory
- Poetics/literary criticism
- Literary and/or cultural theory

For those concentrating on comparative literature, the focus will always cross linguistic boundaries from the student’s primary into the secondary language(s) and will complement the broader, more diachronic coverage in the primary geo-cultural tradition.

Comparative literature at UNC-Chapel Hill boasts particularly strong resources in medieval and early modern literature, comparative romanticisms, visual culture and global cinema, and Romance language studies. Comparative literature draws together a number of core faculty and many more affiliated faculty from across the University and strives to balance a belief in the value of a shared critical language with the exigencies of working in particular national languages, locations, literatures, and media. The comparative literature field maps out a general field of study within a primary geo-cultural literary tradition and over a broad chronological period. The phrase “geo-cultural literary tradition” is intended to describe what in some cases might be called a national literature tradition, but clearly not in all cases. Students may choose from, but are not limited to, such fields as

- African and/or African Diaspora literatures
- American literatures—either United States or North American and/or Central American and/or South American
- Caribbean literatures (in French, English, Spanish, and other languages)
- Classical literatures
- East Asian literatures
- English/Irish/Scottish/Welsh/“British” literatures
- French and/or Francophone literatures
- Germanic literatures
- Italian literature
- Latin American literatures (Spanish or Spanish/Portuguese)
- Middle Eastern/Arabic/Islamic literatures
- Postcolonial literatures—New World (Canadian/Caribbean), or South Asian, or Pacific Rim, etc.
- Russian and/or Slavic literatures
- South Asian literatures
- Spanish/Iberian literatures

Examples of periods would include

- Classical (Greek, Roman, Late Antiquity/Early Christian)
- Medieval (or premodern Islam/Asian studies)
- Renaissance/Early Modern (usually up to 1700 in Northern Europe)
- Neoclassical/18th Century/Enlightenment/“Age of Empire”
- Early Transatlantic/Colonial Americas (roughly 1450–1750, or a portion thereof)
- Enlightenment/Romanticism (roughly 1750–1840)
- Nineteenth Century
- Modernism (late 19th and early-to-mid 20th Century)
- Contemporary (1945 to the present)

For the doctor of philosophy degree in English and comparative literature, students must fulfill the following course requirements: a pedagogy course, an introduction to graduate study, and a theory course. (For the comparative literature focus, the theory course is CMPL 841.) They will also participate in a third year colloquium. In addition to coursework, a candidate for the Ph.D. must pass two written examinations and an oral defense of the examinations administered by the department, for which the student prepares by working closely with a faculty committee a year in advance. Doctoral candidates focusing on English literature must also demonstrate a reading knowledge of two foreign languages, though ENGL 814, History of the English Language, may be substituted for one of these foreign language requirements. Doctoral candidates focusing on comparative literature must demonstrate expert-level proficiency in two foreign languages (one of which must be demonstrated at the time of application). The program culminates with the candidate writing a dissertation (and registering for at least three semester hours of ENGL 994) and successfully defending it in an oral examination. Students must also satisfy residence credit requirements set by The Graduate School. The department strongly recommends that candidates for the Ph.D. have supervised classroom teaching experience before receiving
the degree. Such experience, when it can be offered, is considered as fulfilling a requirement for the degree.

M.A. in English with a Concentration in Literature, Medicine, and Culture

The M.A. in English’s concentration in literature, medicine, and culture (http://hhive.unc.edu/ltmedcult) works closely with the Department of Anthropology (http://anthropology.unc.edu/graduate-program) and the Department of Social Medicine (http://www.med.unc.edu/socialmed). Students enrolled in the concentration are expected to participate in interdisciplinary coursework and research projects with faculty from across the University. Faculty in the literature, medicine, and culture concentration come from over a dozen departments across the University, as well as the Honors Program (http://honors.carolina.unc.edu/current-students/curriculum/interdisciplinary-minor-in-medicine-literature-and-culture), which also offers an interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in the field. Among the many distinctions of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is its School of Medicine (http://www.med.unc.edu), ranked second in primary care by U.S. News & World Report. With its hospital and allied schools of Nursing (http://nursing.unc.edu/) and Social Work (http://ssw.unc.edu), the school stands only a few minutes’ walk from the College of Arts and Sciences, where over a dozen departments rank among the top 25 nationally in their fields. Students benefit from close proximity between top-ranked programs in the healthcare and the liberal arts.

Doctor of Philosophy Degree with a Concentration in Renaissance Studies

Students working on their doctorate in one of the regular departmental programs may, with the approval of their departmental director of graduate studies, submit for the degree an interdisciplinary concentration in Renaissance studies. The program is based in the comparative literature program and administered by the Arts and Sciences Committee for Renaissance Studies. The concentration requires a minimum of five courses. Of those five, one must be CMPL 892, Seminar in Renaissance Studies. The remaining four courses must represent equally two fields other than the major field (e.g., a student with a major in Italian could offer from the approved list two courses in French, two in Latin, and CMPL 892).

CMPL 892, Seminar in Renaissance Studies, serves as a nucleus for the concentration, affording students the opportunity to bring together seemingly divergent strains in an interdisciplinary context. Customarily, the faculty member giving the course invites other members of the Renaissance faculty to participate in the discussions and to present related materials from their own field of inquiry. Student participants choose a related topic or area for research and all report regularly on their own projects under investigation. The course is cross-listed as appropriate under departmental offerings.

The concentration in Renaissance studies for the Ph.D. is examined orally at the departmental oral examination (not the defense), unless a written examination is required by departmental policy; ordinarily, faculty members with whom the candidate has taken courses serve as examiners.

A working knowledge of Latin is strongly recommended for students in the program.

English Faculty

Professors

Daniel R. Anderson, Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy
William L. Andrews, African American, American
Christopher M. Armitage, Renaissance, Poetry
David Baker, Renaissance, Drama, Renaissance Studies
A. Reid Barbour, Renaissance, Renaissance Studies
James W. Coleman, American, African American, 20th-Century American, Southern
Jane M. Danielewicz, English Language, Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy
Maria DeGuzmán, Latino/Latina Studies, 20th-Century American, Critical Theory
Florence Dore, 20th-Century American, Southern Literature, Post-1945 Literature
Pam Durban, Creative Writing
Connie C. Eble, English Language, Medieval
Mary Floyd-Wilson, Renaissance, Drama, Renaissance Studies
Marianne Gingher, Creative Writing
Philip Gura, American, American Studies
Jennifer Ho, Asian American, Contemporary American, Cultural Studies
Jordynn Jack, Rhetoric and Composition
Randall Kenan, Creative Writing
Laurie Langbauer, 19th-Century British, Critical Theory
Megan Matchinske, Renaissance, Cultural Studies, Renaissance Studies, Women’s Studies
Michael A. McFee, Creative Writing
John P. McGowan, Critical Theory, 19th-Century British, Comparative Literature, Cultural Studies, Novel, Women’s Studies
Jeanne Moskal, 19th-Century British, Critical Theory, Women’s Studies
Patrick P. O’Neill, Medieval, English Language, Celtic, Medieval Studies
Alan R. Shapiro, 20th-Century American, Creative Writing
Bland Simpson, Creative Writing
Beverly W. Taylor, 19th-Century British, Novel, Women’s Studies
Todd W. Taylor, Rhetoric, Composition and Literacy
James P. Thompson, 18th-Century British, Critical Theory, Novel
Joseph S. Viscomi, 19th-Century British
Daniel Wallace, Creative Writing
Jessica Wolfe, Renaissance, Renaissance Studies

Associate Professors

GerShun Avilez, African American Literature, 20th Century American Literature
Inger S.B. Brodey, 18th- and 19th-Century British Novel, Comparative Literature, Philosophy
Gabrielle Calvocaresi, Creative Writing, Poetry
Pamela Cooper, 20th-Century British, Cultural Studies, Novel, Women’s Studies
Tyler Curtain, Critical Theory, Cultural Studies, Novel
Rebecca Rutledge Fisher, African American, American, Black Intellectual Thought, Critical Theory
Gregory Flaxman, Film Studies, 20th-Century British, Critical Theory, Cultural Studies
Stephanie Griest, Creative Writing, Creative Nonfiction
Laura Halperin, Latino/Latina Studies, 20th-Century American, Cultural Studies
Meta Jones, African American Literature, 20th Century American Literature, Poetry
Ritchie D. Kendall, Renaissance, Drama, Renaissance Studies
Heidi Kim, 20th-Century American, Asian American Literature
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Shayne Legassie, Medieval, Medieval Studies, Comparative Literature
Theodore H. Leinbaugh, Medieval, Medieval Studies, Comparative Literature
Thomas Reinert, 18th-Century British, Novel, Poetry
Eliza Richards, American Literature
Matthew Taylor, American Literature, Cultural Studies, Theory and Criticism
Jane Thrailkill, American, 20th-Century American
Rick Warner, Film, Global Cinema Studies

Assistant Professors
Danielle Christmas, African American Literature, 20th-Century American
Taylor Cowdery, Late Medieval Literature, Early Modern Poetry, Medieval Studies
Candace Epps-Robertson, Rhetoric and Composition
Kim Stern, 19th-Century British

Professors Emeriti
Laurence G. Avery
Allen Dessen
Joseph Flora
Joy Kasson
Johnny Lee Greene
Minrose Gwin
William Harmon
Trudier Harris
Howard M. Harper Jr.
Mae Henderson
Fred Hobson
Edward Donald Kennedy
J. Kimball King
George S. Lensing Jr.
Allan R. Life
Erika C. Lindemann
C. Townsend Ludington Jr.
Margaret A. O'Connor
Daniel W. Patterson
Julius R. Raper III
Richard D. Rust
Ruth Salvaggio
James Seay
Thomas A. Stumpf
Weldon E. Thornton
Linda Wagner-Martin
David Whisnant
Joseph S. Wittig
Charles G. Zug III

Comparative Literature Faculty

Professors
Marsha S. Collins, Modern Peninsular Literature, Golden Age Spanish Literature
Eric S. Downing, 18th- and 19th-Century Literature, Literary Theory, Classics
Clayton Koelb, Modern Literature, Literary Theory, Philosophy and Aesthetics, Comparative Literature
John P. McGowan, Critical Theory, Cultural Studies, Novel, Women's Studies
Jessica Wolfe, Comparative Renaissance Literature, Classical Reception

Associate Professors
Inger S.B. Brodey, Prose Fiction in Late 18th- and Early 19th-Century Europe and Meiji Japan
Gregory Flaxman, Film Studies, Critical Theory
Shayne Legassie, Medieval, Medieval Studies, Comparative Literature
Rick Warner, Global Cinema Studies

Adjunct and Affiliate Professors (all ranks)
Maria DeGuzmán, Professor, Department of English and Comparative Literature, Latino/Latina Studies, 20th-Century American, Critical Theory
Rebecka Rutledge Fisher, Associate Professor, Department of English and Comparative Literature, American Literature, African American Literature, Caribbean Literature, Theory and Criticism, Cultural Studies, American Studies
Sharon James, Associate Professor, Department of Classics
Janice H. Koelb, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of English and Comparative Literature, British Romanticism, Poetry and Poetics
Hassan Melehy, Associate Professor, Department of Romance Studies, French
Inga Pollman, Assistant Professor, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, German, Cinema Studies
William Race, Professor, Department of Classics
Eliza Richards, Associate Professor, Department of English and Comparative Literature
Alicia Rivero, Associate Professor, Department of Romance Studies, Contemporary Spanish American Literature, Modern Critical Theory, Gender Issues, Literature and Science, Intellectual History
Michael Silk, Professor, King's College London, Classics
Robin Visser, Associate Professor, Department of Asian Studies, Chinese Literature and Culture

Professors Emeriti
Dino Cervigni
Edward D. Kennedy
George A. Kennedy
Diane Leonard
James Peacock
Philip A. Stadter

ENGL

Advanced Undergraduate and Graduate-level Courses

ENGL 400. Advanced Composition for Teachers. 3 Credits.
This course combines frequent writing practice with discussions of rhetorical theories and strategies for teaching writing. The course examines ways to design effective writing courses, assignments, and instructional materials.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 402. Investigations in Academic Writing and Writing Centers. 3 Credits.
This course considers learning to write from three vantage points: personal, social, and contextual. Emphasis on theory, reflective practice, and pedagogy for peer tutoring.
Gen Ed: CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.
ENGL 406. Advanced Fiction Writing. 3 Credits.
Permission of the program director. A continuation of the intermediate workshop with emphasis on the short story, novella, and novel. Extensive discussion of student work in class and in conferences with instructor.
Requisites: Prerequisite, ENGL 206.
Gen Ed: LA, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 407. Advanced Poetry Writing. 3 Credits.
Permission of the program director. A continuation of the intermediate workshop, with increased writing and revising of poems. Extensive discussion of student poetry in class and in conferences with instructor.
Requisites: Prerequisite, ENGL 207.
Gen Ed: LA, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 408. Collaboration: Composers and Lyricists. 3 Credits.
This is a course in popular-songwriting collaboration, a workshop with constant presentation of original songs and close-critiquing of these assignments. Varied assignments including songs for soloists, duos, trios, quartets, and chorus; ballads, folk, jazz, blues, art, and musical-theater songs, etc.
Gen Ed: VP, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 409. Lyrics and Lyricists: A Collaborative Exploration of the Processes of Popular-Song Lyric Writing. 3 Credits.
This course is a collaborative exploration of popular-song lyric writing, requiring numerous drafts written to varied existing musical models—narrative ballads; hymns; folk, theater, jazz, art, R&B, R&R, and worldbeat songs, etc—to be tried out and worked on in class, as well as in conference.
Gen Ed: VP, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 410. Documentary Film. 3 Credits.
This course provides a history of documentary cinema since the beginnings of the medium and surveys different modes and theoretical definitions; or the course may focus largely on a certain mode (such as ethnographic, observational, first-person, cinema vérité, politically activist, found footage compilation, or journalistic investigation).
Gen Ed: VP.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 410H. Documentary Film. 3 Credits.
This course provides a history of documentary cinema since the beginnings of the medium and surveys different modes and theoretical definitions; or the course may focus largely on a certain mode (such as ethnographic, observational, first-person, cinema vérité, politically activist, found footage compilation, or journalistic investigation).
Gen Ed: VP.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 411. International Literature--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
This course investigates cultural themes or problems across a wide spectrum of Renaissance authors.
Gen Ed: LA, NA, WB.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 422. Victorian Literature--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
The study of an individual Victorian writer, a group (such as the Pre-Raphaelites), a theme (such as imperialism), or genre (such as Victorian epic or the serialized novel).
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.
ENGL 443. American Literature before 1860--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
A junior- or senior-level course devoted to in-depth exploration of an author, group of authors, or topic in American literature to 1860.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 443H. American Literature before 1860--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
A junior- or senior-level course devoted to in-depth exploration of an author, group of authors, or topic in American literature to 1860.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 444. American Literature, 1860-1900--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
Intensive study of one or more authors or a topic in American literature from the Civil War through 1900.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 444H. American Literature, 1860-1900--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
Intensive study of one or more authors or a topic in American literature from the Civil War through 1900.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 445. American Literature, 1900-2000--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
A junior- or senior-level course devoted to in-depth exploration of an author, group of authors, or a topic in American literature from 1900 to 2000.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 445H. American Literature, 1900-2000--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
A junior- or senior-level course devoted to in-depth exploration of an author, group of authors, or a topic in American literature from 1900 to 2000.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 446. American Women Authors. 3 Credits.
American women authors from the beginnings to the present.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: WGST 446.

ENGL 446H. American Women Authors. 3 Credits.
American women authors from the beginnings to the present.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: WGST 446H.

ENGL 447. Memory and Literature. 3 Credits.
This course brings together theories of collective and individual memory with questions of aesthetics and narrative while exploring global connections between memory and literature.
Gen Ed: LA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 448. Philosophies of Life from Classical Antiquity to 1800. 3 Credits.
This course examines philosophies of life, its nature and origins, from the ancient Greeks to the enlightenment.
Gen Ed: PH, CI, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 462. Contemporary Poetry and Theory. 3 Credits.
This course introduces the student to historical and contemporary thinking about poetry and poetic language. Examines the place of poetry in theoretical thinking and theoretical thinking about poetry.
Gen Ed: LA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 462H. Contemporary Poetry & Theory. 3 Credits.
This course introduces the student to historical and contemporary thinking about poetry and poetic language. Examines the place of poetry in theoretical thinking and theoretical thinking about poetry.
Gen Ed: LA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 463. Postcolonial Literature. 3 Credits.
This course is a multi-genre introduction to postcolonial literatures. Topics will include postcolonial Englishes, nationalism, anti-imperialism, postcolonial education, and the intersections between national and gender identities in literature.
Gen Ed: LA, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 463H. Postcolonial Literature. 3 Credits.
This course is a multi-genre introduction to postcolonial literatures. Topics will include postcolonial Englishes, nationalism, anti-imperialism, postcolonial education, and the intersections between national and gender identities in literature.
Gen Ed: LA, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 465. Difference, Aesthetics, and Affect. 3 Credits.
Examines interrelations between cultural difference, aesthetic form, and the representation, production, and conveyance of subjectivity (in particular affect or states of feeling) in texts, other media, and material culture.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 465H. Difference, Aesthetics, and Affect. 3 Credits.
Examines interrelations between cultural difference, aesthetic form, and the representation, production, and conveyance of subjectivity (in particular affect or states of feeling) in texts, other media, and material culture.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.
ENGL 466. Literary Theory--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
Examines current issues in literary theory such as the question of authorship, the relation of literary texts to cultural beliefs and values, and to the formation of identities.
Gen Ed: LA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 466H. Literary Theory--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
Examines current issues in literary theory such as the question of authorship, the relation of literary texts to cultural beliefs and values, and to the formation of identities.
Gen Ed: LA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 467. Educating Latinas/os: Preparing SLI Mentors. 3 Credits.
Permission of the instructor. Designed for students accepted as mentors to the Scholars’ Latino Initiative (SLI). Students will take this course during their first year as SLI mentors to prepare them as effective mentors to Latina/o high school students. Students cannot receive credit for both ENGL 267 and 467.
Gen Ed: LA, CI, EE- Service Learning.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 472. African American Literature--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
Study of particular aspects of African American literature, such as the work of a major writer or group of writers, an important theme, a key tradition, or a literary period.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 472H. African American Literature--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
Study of particular aspects of African American literature, such as the work of a major writer or group of writers, an important theme, a key tradition, or a literary period.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 475. Southern Literature--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
The study of a particular topic or genre in the literature of the United States South, more focused than students will find in ENGL 373.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 480. Digital Humanities History and Methods. 3 Credits.
Students will explore the history of computer-assisted humanities scholarship, from its beginnings in computational linguistics, media studies, and humanities computing to its current incarnation as "digital humanities." The course will provide an introduction to the field and to digital research methodologies and prepare students to develop their own digital projects. Previously offered as ENGL 530.
Gen Ed: LA, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 486. Digital Research Methodologies and Preparing Students to Develop Their Own Studies, and Digital Humanities Computing to its Current Incarnation as "Digital Scholarship, from its Beginnings in Computational Linguistics, Media Studies, and Humanities Computing to Its Current Incarnation as "Digital Humanities," The Course Will Provide an Introduction to the Field and to Digital Research Methodologies and Prepare Students to Develop Their Own Digital Projects. Previously Offered as ENGL 530.
Gen Ed: LA, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 487. Everyday Stories: Personal Narrative and Legend. 3 Credits.
Oral storytelling may seem old-fashioned, but we tell true (or possibly true) stories every day. We will study personal narratives (about our own experiences) and legends (about improbable, intriguing events), exploring the techniques and structures that make them effective communication tools and the influence of different contexts and audiences.
Gen Ed: CI, US.
Grading status: Letter grade.
Same as: FOLK 487.

ENGL 488. Critical Security Studies. 3 Credits.
Introduces major topics in the interdisciplinary field of critical security studies. Critically analyzing the public construction of risk and security in military, technological, informational, and environmental domains, the course explores major theories that attempt to make sense of the transnational proliferation of violence and risk in historical and contemporary contexts.
Gen Ed: CI, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.
Same as: PWAD 484.

ENGL 489. Cultural Studies--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
The student will have an opportunity to concentrate on topics and texts central to the study of culture and theory.
Gen Ed: LA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 489H. Cultural Studies--Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
The student will have an opportunity to concentrate on topics and texts central to the study of culture and theory.
Gen Ed: LA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 490. Creative Writing: Special Topics. 3 Credits.
Permission of the program director. Creative writing minors only. An occasional advanced course, which may focus on such topics as advanced creative nonfiction, editing and publishing, the lyric in song and collaboration between lyricists and composers, the one-act play, and short-short fiction.
Gen Ed: LA.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 492. Professional Writing Portfolio Development and Publication. 3 Credits.
Students develop, refine, and prepare a portfolio of advanced written work for professional audiences or publication. Each portfolio will contain an array of written work that demonstrates the student’s versatility as a writer, researcher, and editor. The portfolio is intended for presentation to professional audiences, potential employers, prospective graduate programs, and/or publication.
Gen Ed: CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.
ENGL 496. Independent Research. 1-3 Credits.
Permission of the department. Recommended for students in junior or senior year of study. Intensive mentored research, service learning, field work, creative work, or internship. Requires 30 hours of research, writing, or experiential activities, or 100 hours of internship work, culminating in a written project.
Gen Ed: CI, EE—Mentored Research.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 564. Interdisciplinary Approaches to Literature. 3 Credits.
Examines the ways knowledge from other disciplines can be brought to bear in the analysis of literary works. Questions of disciplinary limits and histories will also be addressed.
Gen Ed: LA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 580. Film—Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to introduce students to a particular historical or cultural aspect of the cinema.
Gen Ed: VP.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 580H. Film—Contemporary Issues. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to introduce students to a particular historical or cultural aspect of the cinema.
Gen Ed: VP.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 583. Drama on Location. 3 Credits.
Offered as part of summer study abroad programs in Oxford, London, and Stratford-on-Avon. Students experience plays in performance and as texts, and discuss their literary, dramatic, cultural, and historical aspects.
Gen Ed: VP, EE—Study Abroad.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 583H. Drama on Location. 3 Credits.
Offered as part of summer study abroad programs in Oxford, London, and Stratford-on-Avon. Students experience plays in performance and as texts, and discuss their literary, dramatic, cultural, and historical aspects.
Gen Ed: VP, EE—Study Abroad.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 607. Theory and Practice of Writing in the Disciplines. 1-3 Credits.
Introduction to theories of teaching writing in the disciplines for graduate instructors. Students will study discipline-specific conventions of argumentation, genre, and style with attention to pedagogical techniques, assignments, and activities.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Pass/Fail.

ENGL 610. Science as Literature: Rhetorics of Science and Medicine. 3 Credits.
The goal of this course is to develop skills in analyzing the rhetorical construction of scientific claims, with a focus on health and medicine as scientific discourse communities. Topics include the structure, argument, and style of scientific genres; visual and digital rhetorics; and the circulation of scientific rhetoric among publics.
Gen Ed: CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 611. Narrative, Literature, and Medicine: Advanced Interdisciplinary Seminar. 3 Credits.
Sociologist Arthur Frank asserts that "whether ill people want to tell stories or not, illness calls for stories." This seminar explores narrative approaches to suffering, healing, and medicine's roles in these processes.
Students learn literary and anthropological approaches to examine medically themed works from a range of genres.
Gen Ed: PH, CI, US.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 619. Survey of Old and Middle English Literature. 3 Credits.
An introduction to English literature from the eighth to the 15th century, focusing on the primary works of Old English and Middle English literature.
Gen Ed: LA, WA, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 620. Introduction to Old English Language and Literature. 3 Credits.
Students will learn to read Old English, the Germanic language spoken by the Anglo-Saxons in Britain from about the middle of the fifth century until the time of the Norman Conquest. Students will study Beowulf, "Caedmon's Hymn", and other selections in poetry and prose.
Gen Ed: LA, WA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 621. Arthurian Romance. 3 Credits.
British and continental Arthurian literature in translation from the early Middle Ages to Sir Thomas Malory.
Gen Ed: LA, NA, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: CMPL 621.

ENGL 630. Shakespeare and His Contemporaries. 3 Credits.
This course will examine drama written and performed in England from 1570 to 1640, situating Shakespeare's plays in relation to others in his generation.
Gen Ed: LA, NA, NB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 658. 19th-Century Women Writers. 3 Credits.
An investigation of important texts by 19th-century women writers that considers issues of gender in relation to other important considerations—tradition, form, culture—with an introduction to the chief scholarly and critical problems of this period.
Gen Ed: LA, CI, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 657. English and American Literature of the 20th Century. 3 Credits.
A survey of 20th-century English and American drama, poetry, fiction, and criticism.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 659. War in 20th-Century Literature. 3 Credits.
A study of literary works written in English concerning World War I, or the Spanish Civil War and World War II, or the Vietnam War.
Gen Ed: LA, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 659.
ENGL 659H. War in 20th-Century Literature. 3 Credits.  
A study of literary works written in English concerning World War I, or the Spanish Civil War and World War II, or the Vietnam War.  
Gen Ed: LA, GL.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: PWAD 659H.

ENGL 660. War in Shakespeare's Plays. 3 Credits.  
The focus is on Shakespeare’s various treatments of war in his plays: all his Roman histories, most of his English histories, all his tragedies, even some of his comedies.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: PWAD 660.

ENGL 661. Introduction to Literary Theory. 3 Credits.  
Examines contemporary theoretical issues and critical approaches relevant to the study of literature.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 662. History of Literary Criticism. 3 Credits.  
A history of literary criticism from the Greeks to mid-20th century, focusing on recurrent concerns and classic texts that are indispensable for understanding the practice of literary criticism today.  
Gen Ed: LA.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 663. Postcolonial Theory. 3 Credits.  
This course covers major works of and topics in postcolonial theory.  
Gen Ed: BN.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 665. Queer Latina/o Literature, Performance, and Visual Art. 3 Credits.  
This course explores literature, performance art, film, and photography by Latinas and Latinos whose works may be described as "queer" and that question terms and norms of cultural dominance.  
Gen Ed: VP, NA, US.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: WGST 665.

ENGL 666. Queer Latina/o Photography and Literature. 3 Credits.  
This course explores Latina/o literature about photography in relation to photography by "queer" Latina/o artists and, through this double focus, poses certain questions about identity, subjectivity, and culture.  
Gen Ed: VP, NA, US.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: WGST 666.

ENGL 670. Being and Race in African American Literature. 3 Credits.  
An examination of phenomenology, the "philosophy of experience." Taking the perspective that literature helps clarify our experience, we will engage in readings of various genres--poetry, autobiography, fiction, and drama--as we examine how literature not only records experience, but also shapes it through a distinct method of reasoning.  
Gen Ed: LA, US.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 674. Digital Literature. 3 Credits.  
Digital literature explores how literary works are composed for, shaped by, and studied in electronic environments. Course texts range from books to electronic fiction and poetry to video games. Hands-on activities give students a chance to develop their own literary projects--either as electronic literary works or as digital scholarship.  
Gen Ed: LA, CI.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 675. Digital Teaching. 3 Credits.  
This course explores issues and methodologies related to the integration of digital technologies into teaching. Topics include instructor-student dynamics in the technology-assisted classroom, the role of social media in education, emerging forms of digital composing, and opportunities for extending the classroom through online platforms.  
Gen Ed: LA, CI.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 676. Digital Editing and Curation. 3 Credits.  
Students will investigate theories and practices of editing in multimedia, digital environments. Students will explore histories of textual editing, research major humanities projects, examine trends and toolsets related to developing scholarly digital materials, and collaborate with one another and with campus entities to develop an online digital humanities project.  
Gen Ed: LA, CI.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 678. Film Theory. 3 Credits.  
This course offers a rigorous introduction to the various theories (aesthetic, narratological, historiographic, ideological, feminist, poststructuralist) inspired by the cinema.  
Gen Ed: VP, CI.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 680. Literature of the Americas. 3 Credits.  
Two years of college-level Spanish or the equivalent strongly recommended. Multidisciplinary examination of texts and other media of the Americas, in English and Spanish, from a variety of genres.  
Gen Ed: LA, NA.  
Grading status: Letter grade  
Same as: AMST 685, CMPL 685.

ENGL 685. Special Topics. 3 Credits.  
Selected topics in literary studies, composition, digital media, and related fields. Topic varies by semester.  
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 9 total credits. 3 total completions.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 690. English Senior Honors Thesis, Part I. 3 Credits.  
Restricted to senior honors candidates. First semester of senior honors thesis. Independent research under the direction of an English department faculty member.  
Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 691H. English Senior Honors Thesis, Part II. 3 Credits.  
Restricted to senior honors candidates. Second semester of senior honors thesis. Essay preparation under the direction of an English department faculty member.  
Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.  
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 693H. Creative Writing Senior Honors Thesis, Part I. 3 Credits.  
Permission of the program director. Restricted to senior honors candidates. The first half of a two-semester seminar. Each student begins a book of fiction (25,000 words) or poetry (1,000 lines). Extensive discussion of student work in class and in conferences.  
Requisites: Prerequisites, ENGL 130, 131, 132H, or 133H; ENGL 206 or 207; and ENGL 406 or 407.  
Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.  
Grading status: Letter grade.
ENGL 694H. Creative Writing Senior Honors Thesis, Part II. 3 Credits.
Permission of the program director. Restricted to senior honors candidates. The second half of a two-semester seminar. Each student completes a book of fiction or poetry. Extensive discussion of student work in class and in conferences with instructor.
Requisites: Prerequisites, ENGL 130, 131, 132H, or 133H; ENGL 206 or 207; ENGL 406 or 407; and ENGL 693H.
Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 695. Research Seminar. 3 Credits.
Guides students through the processes of developing an original research topic, conducting research, and analyzing research, leading students to produce a high-quality presentation of their findings. Topic varies by instructor but may focus on literary studies or closely-related arenas such as medical humanities, digital humanities, and creative writing, among others.
Gen Ed: LA, CI, EE- Mentored Research.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 9 total credits. 3 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

Graduate-level Courses

ENGL 701. Introduction to Medieval Studies. 3 Credits.
Introduction to medieval studies for graduate students in any department. Intended to expose students to research problems, tools, and techniques in fields other than their own.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 706. Rhetorical Theory and Practice. 3 Credits.
A study of rhetorical theories and practices from classical to modern times. Emphasis is on translation of theories into instructional practice for teaching in the college writing classroom.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 709. Technologies of Literary Production. 3 Credits.
This course introduces the history of technologies used to produce and circulate literature, from medieval Europe to the twenty-first-century. Proceeding chronologically, this history provides a broad overview of the material conditions of possibility for the emergence of literary form and genre in the Anglphone tradition.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 719. Old English Grammar and Readings. 3 Credits.
An introduction to Old English language and literature that also attempts to relate that language to Modern English and to the larger context of the history of the English language.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 720. Old English Poetry. 3 Credits.
Required preparation, a working knowledge of Old English. The translation and interpretation of Old English poetry including works such as The Wanderer, The Seafarer, Deor, The Dream of the Rood, and Beowulf.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 723. Later Middle English Literature. 3 Credits.
English literature of the late 14th and 15th centuries, including Gower, the English and Scottish Chaucerians, and Sir Thomas Malory.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 724. Chaucer. 3 Credits.
A study of Chaucer's major poetry, including Troilus and Criseyde, at least some of the 'dream' poems such as Parliament of Fowls, and most of The Canterbury Tales.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 747. Studies in the American Novel. 3 Credits.
A wide-ranging, graduate-level survey of the American novel from the late 18th century through the 20th century.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 748. Studies in American Poetry. 3 Credits.
A wide-ranging, graduate-level survey of American poetry from the late 18th century through the 20th century.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 762. Special Topics in Cultural Studies. 3 Credits.
An introduction to myriad texts, topics, controversies, institutions, and personalities that make up the ongoing knowledge projects that are loosely affiliated under the rubric "cultural studies.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 765. Introduction to Methods in Health Humanities. 3 Credits.
Permission of the Instructor. This course introduces students to topics and methods in health and humanities. Students will read classics in the field, engage texts from different disciplines and genres, and conduct intensive research into a condition or disability of their choosing.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 764. Medicine Without Borders. 3 Credits.
This course examines texts by medical professionals who practice in perilous venues, as well as their sponsoring institutions (Christian missions, the Red Cross, and Doctors Without Borders), investigating the texts' representational strategies and the historical and ethical settings of both texts and institutions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 770. Old Irish I. 3 Credits.
The main emphasis of the course will be on mastering the basic grammar of the language. There will be some readings from selected Old Irish glosses and from Aislinge Oenguso.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 771. Old Irish II. 3 Credits.
Readings from a variety of genres of Old Irish literature: Stories from the Tain, Crith Gablach, Cambrai Homily, Early Irish Lyrics, Scela Mucce Meic Datho.
Requisites: Prerequisite, ENGL 776.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 781. Proseminar in British Literature, 1500-1660. 3 Credits.
ENGL 783. Proseminar in British Literature, 1770-1870. 3 Credits.
ENGL 784. Proseminar in American Literature, Prior to the Civil War. 3 Credits.
ENGL 785. Proseminar in Literature after 1870. 3 Credits.

ENGL 786. Introduction to Graduate Study in English and Comparative Literature. 3 Credits.
This course introduces students to the field of literary studies in English and comparative literature. Students will survey a range of approaches, methods, and controversies that have emerged from the field. The focus on critical and institutional histories will provide a foundation for graduate work and for developing professional objectives.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 801. Research Methods in Composition and Rhetoric. 3 Credits.
Course introduces graduate students to methodologies of research in the field of Rhetoric and Composition. Emphasis is on theoretical and practical concerns that improve teaching and help develop research agendas.
Grading status: Letter grade.
ENGL 805. Studies in Rhetoric and Composition. 3 Credits. Focus varies by semester, but generally investigates intersections of literacy, pedagogy, and rhetorical theory. Courses range from explorations of technology and literacy, to investigations of forms of writing and pedagogy.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 814. History of the English Language. 3 Credits. Study of English from its Proto-Indo-European origins through the 18th century focusing on historic events and the major changes to the structure and usage of English they occasioned.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 819. Seminar in Old English Language and Literature. 3 Credits. Topics in Old English poetry and prose that vary with each seminar and instructor.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 821. Seminar in Middle English Literature. 3 Credits. Intensive study of major Middle English authors or genres or of medieval cultural influences. Topics have included Malory, Piers Plowman and its tradition, drama, and intellectual backgrounds of medieval literature.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 825. Renaissance Literature in Context. 3 Credits. A study of select works of Renaissance literature, both dramatic and nondramatic, in its intellectual, social, political, or religious context.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 827. Studies in Renaissance Authors. 3 Credits. Concentrated studies of single authors, groups of authors thematically linked, or authors in their families or coteries.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 828. Perspectives on Renaissance Literature and Culture. 3 Credits. Students will study Renaissance literature while assessing the usefulness and status of a theoretical approach, such as feminist theory, queer theory, cultural materialism, new historicism, or psychoanalytic theory.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 829. Studies in Renaissance Literature: Drama. 3 Credits. A study of Renaissance drama linked thematically, or framed by select cultural practices and historical issues.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 830. Studies in Renaissance Literature: Primarily Nondramatic. 3 Credits. A focused examination of an aesthetic, historical, or theoretical problem in the study of Renaissance literature.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 831. Seminar in 18th-Century Literature. 3 Credits. Selected topics in 18th-century literature.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 835. 18th-Century Fiction. 3 Credits. Studies in eighteenth-century fiction from Behn to Austen.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 837. Studies in English Literature, 1780-1832. 3 Credits. Sections: 1) Blake, Wordsworth, Coleridge, 2) Byron, Shelley, Keats. Examination of the major Romantic poets, supplemented by readings in other Romantic authors.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 838. 19th-Century British Novel. 3 Credits. Examination of important 19th-century British novels, such as those by Austen, Scott, Dickens, the Brontes, sensation novelists, Gaskell, Carroll, Thackeray, Eliot, Trollope, Doyle, Hardy, Meredith.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 840. Studies in Victorian Literature: Poetry. 3 Credits. Study of Victorian poets, focused on a group or a topic, including figures such as Tennyson, the Brownings, Arnold, and the Pre-Raphaelites.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 841. Seminar in 19th-Century Romanticism in England. 3 Credits. Topics concerning major authors and issues of the Romantic period.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 842. Seminar in Victorian Literature. 3 Credits. Topics concerning major authors and issues of the Victorian period.
Grading status: Letter grade.

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ENGL 844. Seminar in American Literature, 1860-1900. 3 Credits. In-depth exploration for doctoral students of selected topics or authors in American Literature from 1860 to 1900.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 847. Seminar in the American Novel. 3 Credits. Doctoral-level seminar in the selected topics or authors.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 850. Studies in English and American Poetry of the 20th Century. 3 Credits. Usually taught as a survey of major poets: Yeats, Frost, Stevens, Williams, Pound, Eliot, Auden, with some more recent poets.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 852. Seminar in Modern Drama. 3 Credits. Explores representative works of contemporary playwrights.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 857. Studies in 20th-Century English and American Literature. 3 Credits. Studies in special modern and/or contemporary topics; e.g., the Irish literary renaissance, Latina/o Studies, Asian American Studies, cultural, visual culture, postcolonial, gender, and/or ethnic studies, and British and/or American Literature.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 858. Studies in English and American Fiction of the 20th Century. 3 Credits. Usually taught as a survey of major writers: Joyce, Lawrence, Woolf, Hemingway, Faulkner, with some other writers.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 860. Seminar in 20th-Century Literature, English and American. 3 Credits. Seminar examining issues in modern English and American Literature.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 861. Seminar in Literary and Cultural Theory. 3 Credits. Seminar with varying topics, focusing on recent developments in literary and cultural theory, including narratology, feminism, psychoanalysis, and postcolonial and materialist theory.
Grading status: Letter grade.
ENGL 862. Seminar in Cultural Studies. 3 Credits.
Advanced exploration of myriad tests, topics, controversies, institutions, and personalities that make up the ongoing knowledge projects that are loosely affiliated under the rubric ‘cultural studies.’
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 863. Seminar in Postcolonial Literature. 3 Credits.
Course examines the shifting meanings of postcoloniality in 20th- and 21st-century literature from formerly colonized countries.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 864. Studies in Latina/o Literature, Culture, and Criticism. 3 Credits.
Representative work by Latina/o writers and critics in relation to major social and historical trends and critical models—border theory, biculturalism, mestizaje, tropicalization, diaspora, pan-latinidad, Afro-Latina/o disidentifications, and LatinAsia Studies.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 868. African American and African Diasporan Literature, 1930-1970. 3 Credits.
Key writers within the context of selected literary, cultural, and critical traditions from 1930 to 1970.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 871. Seminar in African American Literature. 3 Credits.
An intensive study of a major writer or text, a group of writers or texts, or an important trend, tradition, or literary period.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 872. Studies in African American and African Diasporan Literature. 3 Credits.
An intensive study of a particular aspect of African American literature, such as speculative fiction, subject formation, comparative diasporan literatures, gender issues, theoretical and critical approaches, or formal innovations.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 874. Literature of the U.S. South: Special Topics. 3 Credits.
An in-depth treatment of selected topics (e.g., the Southern Renaissance, postmodern southern fiction, the racial conversion narrative) in Southern literature.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 875. Critical Race Theory-Graduate Seminar. 3 Credits.
Seminar examines and engages with critical race theory and the various texts (narrative, cultural productions) that are in conversation with theories of race and that reflect representations of race.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 876. Introduction to Modern Irish I. 3 Credits.
An introduction to modern Irish grammar.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 877. Introduction to Modern Irish II. 3 Credits.
Readings in Modern Irish Literature.
Requisites: Prerequisite, ENGL 876.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 880. Ireland in Modernity. 3 Credits.
This course will examine the relationships between Irish writing, culture, and modernism, in the context of international developments in literature and art.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 881. Studies in Cinema. 3 Credits.
This course offers graduate students the opportunity to investigate, in a seminar setting, a particular subject within the domain of film studies.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 886. Seminar in Ecological Theory and Practice. 3 Credits.
In-depth evaluation of ecological theory, ecocritical pedagogy, and literary criticism.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 990. Directed Readings. 3 Credits.
Topics vary according to the needs and interests of the individual student and the professor directing the reading and writing project.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics.
Grading status: Letter grade.

ENGL 992. Master's (Non-Thesis). 3 Credits.

ENGL 993. Master's Research and Thesis. 3 Credits.

ENGL 994. Doctoral Research and Dissertation. 3 Credits.

CMPL

Advanced Undergraduate and Graduate-level Courses

CMPL 411. Critical Theory. 3 Credits.
Overview of those realms of modern and contemporary thought and writing that are known as, and closely associated with, “critical theory.”
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 420. Film, Photography, and the Digital Image. 3 Credits.
This course examines the shifting nature of the cinematic medium in relation to both traditional photography and newer digital forms of image production. The aesthetic, ethical, and ontological aspects of cinema are explored in light of emergent technological and cultural conditions that demand a full-scale reconsideration of cinema’s specificity.
Gen Ed: VP.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 435. Consciousness and Symbols. 3 Credits.
This course explores consciousness through symbols. Symbols from religion, art, politics, and self are studied in social, psychological, historical, and ecological context to ascertain meanings in experience and behavior.
Gen Ed: SS.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: ANTH 435, FOLK 435.

CMPL 442. Postcolonial Literature of the Middle East. 3 Credits.
This course introduces students to postcolonial literature and theory. The main focus in the course is on literary texts and literary analysis. However, we will use postcolonial theory to engage critically with the primary texts within a postcolonial framework. We will explore language, identity, physical and mental colonization, and decolonization.
Gen Ed: LA, CI, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: ASIA 442.

CMPL 450. Major Works of 20th-Century Literary Theory. 3 Credits.
Comparative study of representative works on literary and cultural theory or applied criticism to be announced in advance.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.
**CMPL 452. The Middle Ages. 3 Credits.**
Study of selected examples of Western medieval literature in translation, with particular attention to the development of varieties of sensibility in various genres and at different periods.
**Gen Ed:** LA, NA, WB.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 453. The Erotic Middle Ages. 3 Credits.**
Readings of major works of medieval European literature in translation from the 12th to 15th centuries, focusing on topics such as courtship, marriage, adultery, homoeroticism, domestic violence, mystical visions, and prostitution.
**Gen Ed:** LA, NA, WB.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 454. Literature of the Continental Renaissance in Translation. 3 Credits.**
Discussion of the major works of Petrarch, Boccaccio, Machiavelli, Castiglione, Ariosto, Tasso, Rabelais, Ronsard, Montaigne, Cervantes, and Erasmus.
**Gen Ed:** NA, WB.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 454H. Literature of the Continental Renaissance in Translation. 3 Credits.**
Discussion of the major works of Petrarch, Boccaccio, Machiavelli, Castiglione, Ariosto, Tasso, Rabelais, Ronsard, Montaigne, Cervantes, and Erasmus.
**Gen Ed:** NA, WB.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 456. The 18th-Century Novel. 3 Credits.**
English, French, and German 18th-century narrative fiction with emphasis on epistolary novel. The relation of the novel to the Enlightenment and its counterpart, the cult of sentimentality, and on shifting paradigms for family education, gender, and erotic desire.
**Gen Ed:** LA, NA.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 458. Sense, Sensibility, Sensuality, 1740-1810. 3 Credits.**
The development of the moral aesthetic of sensibility or Empfindsamkeit in literature of western Europe in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. 
**Gen Ed:** LA, NA.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 460. Transnational Romanticism: Romantic Movements in Europe and the Americas. 3 Credits.**
Research-intensive course that explores how the Romantic movement beginning in 18th-century Europe has shaped the world we experience now. Topics vary and include revolutionary republicanism; slavery and abolition; quests for originality, expressiveness, and spiritual renovation; critiques of progress and modern urban culture; and revaluations of the natural world.
**Requisites:** Prerequisite, ENGL 105.
**Gen Ed:** LA, CI, EE; Mentored Research.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 462. Realism. 3 Credits.**
An exploration of the period concept of Realism through selected works by such writers as George Eliot, Dickens, James, Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Balzac, Stendhal, Flaubert, Zola.
**Gen Ed:** LA, NA.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 463. Cinema and Surrealism. 3 Credits.**
This course examines surrealism as an inter-art development between the First and Second World Wars. Taking a comparativist view, it focuses mainly on cinema but explores surrealist literature, painting, and sculpture as well. Much of the course traces the continuing relevance of surrealist practices in contemporary cinema.
**Gen Ed:** VP.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 464. Naturalism. 3 Credits.**
The Naturalist movement in European and American literature of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, focusing on its philosophical, psychological, and literary manifestations in selected plays and novels.
**Gen Ed:** LA, NA.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 466. Modernism. 3 Credits.**
An exploration of the period concept of modernism in European literature, with attention to central works in poetry, narrative, and drama, and including parallel developments in the visual arts.
**Gen Ed:** LA, NA.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 468. Aestheticism. 3 Credits.**
Aestheticism as a discrete 19th-century movement and as a major facet of modernism in literature and literary theory. Authors include Kierkegaard, Baudelaire, Nietzsche, Huysmans, Wilde, Mann, Rilke, Nabokov, Dinesen, Barthes, Sontag.
**Gen Ed:** LA, NA.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 469. Milan Kundera and World Literature. 3 Credits.**
This course traces Milan Kundera’s literary path from his communist poetic youth to his present postmodern Francophilie. His work will be compared with those authors he considers his predecessors and influences in European literature. Taught in English. Some readings in Czech for qualified students.
**Gen Ed:** LA, BN.
**Grading status:** Letter grade
**Same as:** CZCH 469.

**CMPL 470. Concepts and Perspectives of the Tragic. 3 Credits.**
History and theory of tragedy as a distinctive literary genre and as a more general literary and cultural problem. Authors include Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Shakespeare, Racine, Goethe, Nietzsche, Wagner, Mann, Samuel I and II, Faulkner. Also engages theorists, ancient and modern.
**Gen Ed:** LA, NA, WB.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 471. Classical Rhetoric and Modern Theory. 3 Credits.**
Explores how the theory and practice of classical, medieval, and early modern rhetoric continue to challenge and stimulate contemporary theory. Two-thirds of the course examines texts written before 1750.
**Gen Ed:** LA, NA, WB.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.

**CMPL 472. The Drama from Ibsen to Beckett. 3 Credits.**
The main currents of European drama from the end of the 19th century to the present. Includes Chekhov, Strindberg, Pirandello, Lorca, Brecht, Anouilh.
**Gen Ed:** LA, NA.
**Grading status:** Letter grade.
CMPL 473. Drama, Pageantry, and Spectacle in Medieval Europe. 3 Credits.
An exploration of different expressions of medieval drama and pageantry, including plays, tournaments, public executions, and religious processions.
Gen Ed: LA, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 477. Wicked Desire: Vladimir Nabokov, Lolita, on Page and Screen. 3 Credits.
Vladimir Nabokov's novel Lolita (1955) became a global phenomenon due to its unflinching portrayal of pedophilia. This course will delve deeper into the novel's moral complexity, its international context, and its reflection in mass culture, including movies by Stanley Kubrick (1962) and Adrian Lyne (1997). Taught in English; some readings in Russian for qualified students.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: RUS 477.

CMPL 478. The Medieval Frame Tale: Chaucer, Boccaccio, and the Arabian Nights. 3 Credits.
A comparative study of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, Boccaccio's Decameron, and the earliest known version of the Arabian Nights. Knowledge of Middle English desirable, but students with no experience in the language will be able to attend tutorial sessions early in the semester.
Gen Ed: LA, CI, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 479. What is a Medium? German Media Theory from Aesthetics to Cultural Techniques. 3 Credits.
This seminar provides students across the humanities with an overview of the historical and cultural relevance of German media theories. We will discuss the distinction between "art" and "medium," the role of technology and techniques, as well as the interaction of media theory and practice with politics. Films with English subtitles; readings and discussions in English.
Gen Ed: VP, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: GERM 479.

CMPL 481. Rhetoric of Silence: Cross-Cultural Theme and Technique. 3 Credits.
The uses of literary silence for purposes such as protest, civility, joy, oppression, nihilism, awe, or crisis of representation. Authors include Sterne, Goethe, Austen, Kawabata, Soseki, Oe, Toson, Camus, Mann.
Gen Ed: LA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: ASIA 481.

CMPL 482. Philosophy and Literature. 3 Credits.
Philosophical readings of literary texts, including novels, plays, and poems.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PHIL 482.

CMPL 483. Cross-Currents in East-West Literature. 3 Credits.
The study of the influence of Western texts upon Japanese authors and the influence of conceptions of "the East" upon Western writers. Goldsmith, Voltaire, Soseki, Sterne, Arishima, Ibsen, Yoshimoto, Ishiguro.
Gen Ed: LA, BN.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: ASIA 483.

CMPL 485. Approaches to 20th-Century Narrative. 3 Credits.
An examination of central trends in 20th-century narrative.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 486. Literary Landscapes in Europe and Japan. 3 Credits.
Changing understandings of nature across time and cultures, especially with regard to its human manipulation and as portrayed in novels of Japan and Europe. Rousseau, Goethe, Austen, Abe, Mishima.
Gen Ed: LA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: ASIA 486.

CMPL 486H. Literary Landscapes in Europe and Japan. 3 Credits.
Changing understandings of nature across time and cultures, especially with regard to its human manipulation and as portrayed in novels of Japan and Europe. Rousseau, Goethe, Austen, Abe, Mishima.
Gen Ed: LA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: ASIA 486H.

CMPL 487. Literature and the Arts of Love. 3 Credits.
Love and sexuality in literary works from various historical periods and genres. Authors include Sappho, Plato, Catullus, Propertius, Ovid, Dante, Petrarch, Shakespeare, LaClos, Goethe, Nabokov, and Roland Barthes.
Gen Ed: LA, NA, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 489. Empire and Diplomacy. 3 Credits.
Examines the history of the British Empire and the role of peace, war, defense, diplomacy, and letters in shaping Britain's presence on the world stage.
Gen Ed: LA, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 489.

CMPL 490. Special Topics. 3 Credits.
Topics vary from semester to semester.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 9 total credits. 3 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 492. The Fourth Dimension: Art and the Fictions of Hyperspace. 3 Credits.
An exploration of the concept of the fourth dimension, its origins in non-Euclidean geometry, its development in popular culture, and its impact on the visual arts, film, and literature.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 494. Cinematic Uses of the Essay Form. 3 Credits.
Examines aesthetic, political, and philosophical aspects of essay films in international cinema. Focusing on works by figures such as Chris Marker, Orson Welles, Harun Farocki, Alexander Kluge, Guy Debord, and Jean-Luc Godard, the course traces the genre's literary roots and addresses how the essay deviates from more traditional documentary forms.
Gen Ed: VP.
Grading status: Letter grade.
CMPL 496. Reading Course. 3 Credits.
Readings vary from semester to semester. The course is generally offered for three credits.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 500. Advanced Seminar. 3 Credits.
This seminar allows comparative literature majors to work on an independent project to synthesize their curricular experience, and it introduces them to current, broadly applicable issues in comparative literature.
Gen Ed: LA, CI, EE- Mentored Research.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 558. The Lives and Times of Medieval Corpses. 3 Credits.
An investigation of the social, political, and literary uses of corpses in the Middle Ages.
Gen Ed: LA, EE- Mentored Research, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 560. Reading Other Cultures: Issues in Literary Translation. 3 Credits.
Permission of the instructor. Reading knowledge of a language other than English recommended. Starting from the proposition that cultural literacy would be impossible without reliance on translations, this course addresses fundamental issues in the practice, art, and politics of literary translation. Previously offered as SLAV 560.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: GSSL 560.

CMPL 563. Studies in the Anglo-French Renaissance. 3 Credits.
Recommended preparation, FREN 370 (for students taking the course for French credit), or one course from ENGL 225 to ENGL 229, or one course from CMPL 120 to CMPL 124. Study of French-English literary relations in the Renaissance, focusing on literary adaptation and appropriation, poetics, political writing, and related areas.
Gen Ed: LA, WB.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: FREN 563.

CMPL 621. Arthurian Romance. 3 Credits.
British and continental Arthurian literature in translation from the early Middle Ages to Sir Thomas Malory.
Gen Ed: LA, NA, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: ENGL 621.

CMPL 622. Medieval Cosmopolitanisms. 3 Credits.
An examination of medieval engagements with the foreign and the extent to which those engagements challenged conventional ways of thinking about the world.
Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 624. The Baroque. 3 Credits.
Required preparation, one course from CMPL 120-129. Analysis of the Baroque as an aesthetic movement, including major, representative literary works, comparisons of literature and the visual arts, and the study of theories of the Baroque and Neo-Baroque. Authors studied may include Tasso, Racine, Cervantes, and Shakespeare, among others.
Gen Ed: LA, NA, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 685. Literature of the Americas. 3 Credits.
Two years of college-level Spanish or the equivalent strongly recommended. Multidisciplinary examination of texts and other media of the Americas, in English and Spanish, from a variety of genres.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: ENGL 685, AMST 685.

CMPL 691H. Comparative Lit Senior Honors Thesis Part I. 3 Credits.
Required of all students reading for honors in comparative literature.
Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 692H. Comparative Lit Senior Honors Thesis Part II. 3 Credits.
Required of all students reading for honors in comparative literature.
Requisites: Prerequisite, CMPL 691H.
Gen Ed: EE- Mentored Research.
Grading status: Letter grade.

Graduate-level Courses
CMPL 700. Problems and Methods in Comparative Literature. 3 Credits.
The course deals with the history of comparative literature, bibliographical materials, orientations of the subject in Europe and America, and problems of methodology, periodization, literary movements, and concepts of literary theory.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 737. Topics in Contemporary Literary and Cultural Theory. 3 Credits.
Selected critical topics in poststructuralist thought, chosen by the instructor and announced in advance.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 741. The Essay and Short Story. 3 Credits.
Theory and practice of the essay and short story. Topics include masters of the Spanish American and international essay and short story, the evolution of both genres, gender, cultural studies.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: SPAN 741.

CMPL 745. The Vanguards. 3 Credits.
The theory and practice of innovative writing, especially since the 19th century. Topics include the historical Spanish American and Anglo-European vanguards, experimental literature, modernismo's literary rebellion, gender, and cultural studies.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: SPAN 745.

CMPL 747. The Contemporary Spanish American Novel. 3 Credits.
The theory and practice of the novel since the 1960s. Topics include the Spanish American "Boom" of the 60s and 70s, major international trends and writers, gender, cultural studies.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: SPAN 747.

CMPL 796. Reading Course. 1-21 Credits.

CMPL 821. Reading Ironies. 3 Credits.
Study of processes of recognizing and constructing ironies in texts, with consideration of both theoretical issues and practical readings.
Grading status: Letter grade.
CMPL 841. History of Literary Criticism I: The Origins of Theory and Criticism. 3 Credits.
Traces major strains in literary criticism and theory from classical antiquity to the 18th century, pairing primary critical texts with contemporary literary examples and modern day theoretical responses. Authors read include: Plato, Aristotle, Aristophanes, Horace, Augustine, and Burke; Homer, Ovid, Virgil, Dante, and Pope; and Auerbach, Derrida, Ricoeur, and Benjamin.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 842. History of Literary Criticism II: 1750-1950. 3 Credits.
Study of major theoretical and critical writings in Europe from the middle of the 18th to the early 20th century.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 843. 20th-Century Literary Theory. 3 Credits.
An overview of major theoretical developments of the 20th century, including such movements as Saussurean linguistics, Russian Formalism, Prague Circle Semiotics, poststructuralism, phenomenology, psychoanalysis, feminism, and Marxism.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 844. Modern Women Writers. 3 Credits.
Exploration of 'l'ecriture feminine' through texts of modern women writers, artists, and critics who expanded the frontiers of expression beyond the conventionally articulable into spaces of silence and the 'non-dit.'
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 890. Special Topics in Comparative Literature. 3 Credits.

CMPL 892. Interdisciplinary Seminar in Renaissance Studies. 3 Credits.
Topic announced annually in advance.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 894. Seminar. 3 Credits.
Topic announced annually in advance.
Grading status: Letter grade.

CMPL 900. Research. 0.5-21 Credits.

CMPL 992. Master's (Non-Thesis). 3 Credits.

CMPL 993. Master's Research and Thesis. 3 Credits.

CMPL 994. Doctoral Research and Dissertation. 3 Credits.