

# English



# English Department



- ▶ 530 students in the major
- ▶ 21 full-time tenure & tenure-track faculty
- ▶ Focus on literature, language, culture – traditional and modern

# “The Most Practical Major There Is”

## High-level, transferrable skills

- careful reading
- effective writing
- independent research
- mastery of language
- critical and creative thinking
- understanding of self, society, and the world







# What Makes Us Special



Junot Diaz, author

-  **Small to medium-sized courses (33 students or fewer)**
-  **Individualized attention and advising**
-  **Activities and events: poetry readings, film screenings, guest lecturers**

# Internationally Recognized Faculty

**Shakespeare and Early Modern Drama**

**Dr. Naomi Liebler**

*Shakespeare's Festive Tragedy: The Ritual Foundations of Genre*



**Hawthorne and 19<sup>th</sup> Century American Literature**

**Dr. Monika Elbert**

*Transnational Gothic: Literary and Social Exchanges in the Long Nineteenth Century*



**Modern British & Irish Literature**

**Dr. Lucy McDiarmid**

*The Irish Art of Controversy*



**Poetry**

**Dr. Michael Robbins**

*Alien Vs. Predator*



# Variety of Courses

**Art of Fiction**      **Shakespeare's  
Tragedies**

**Women Prose  
Writers**

**News Reporting**

**Black Writers**

**Postwar  
British Fiction**

**The Analytic  
Essay**

**Victorian Novel**

**Jacobean  
Drama**

**Creative Nonfiction**

**Action Cinema**

**GLBT  
Literature**

**World Literature**

**Chaucer**

**Seminar on  
Jane Austen**

**American Film Comedy**

**Science Fiction**

**Art of Poetry**

**Utopia and  
Dystopia**

**Digital  
Humanities**

*...and many more.*

# The English Major

## Requirements:

- ❑ **36 credits**
- ❑ **One required course**
  - ENGL 300: Critical Approaches to English
- ❑ **Historical distribution**
  - Five different historical eras
- ❑ **Genre distribution**
  - Three of four genres (fiction, drama, poetry, film)
- ❑ **Thematic distribution**
  - International literature, gender/sexuality, class, race/ethnicity





# English Education

- **Elementary or Secondary Ed Certification Programs**
- **Dual Degree Programs: BA + MAT**
- **Certifications for Teaching Students with Disabilities**



# “English Plus”



## Concentrations in:

- English + Film Studies
- English + Creative Writing
- Accelerated Degree Program: BA + MA in Five Years

# Minors

- **English**
- **Creative Writing**
- **Journalism**
- **Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies**
- **Film Studies**

# Internships

Begin **building** your career  
Become **marketable & competitive**  
Gain **practical**, industry-specific skills  
Build your **resume**  
**Network** for future job searches  
Define your **strengths & interests**  
**Develop** professional work habits  
Find your **ultimate career**



## Past student internships:

Editorial Intern at People magazine  
Copy Desk Assistant at The Star Ledger  
Public Affairs Intern at MTV  
Web Intern at Marvel Comics  
Mobile Web Intern at Comedy Central  
Publicity Intern at Sony Music  
Intern at Dan Rather Reports  
. . .and many more

# Career Skills

**English majors are trained to think critically, read analytically and write clearly. These skills will empower you throughout your career.**



# Forbes

**Here, the 10 most critical job skills to parlay in your job search for 2013:**

**No. 1 Critical Thinking** (found in 9 out of the 10 most in-demand jobs)

Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

# Career Options

- **Advertising**
- **Marketing**
- **Journalism**
- **Business**
- **Law**
- **Media**
- **Education**
- **Nonprofits**
- **Publishing**
- **Arts**
- **Theater**
- **Blogging**
- **Editing**
- **Copywriting**
- **Screenwriting**
- **Speech Writing**
- **Technology**
- **Public Relations**



Where will **you** be published first?

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Your Name

Staff Writer

The Normal Review

OR

**The Montclarion**

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**The Normal Review**

Student Literary Magazine

**Poetry Slam Team**

**Sigma Tau Delta**

Honor Society

# Opportunities for Excellence

**Honors Option** Conduct Independent Research under Supervision of Tenure-Track Faculty

**Sigma Tau Delta**  
National English Honor Society  
Offering Scholarship, Publishing,  
and Internship Possibilities

**Five-Year BA/MA**  
Earn a Masters Degree with Only  
One Additional Year of Study







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