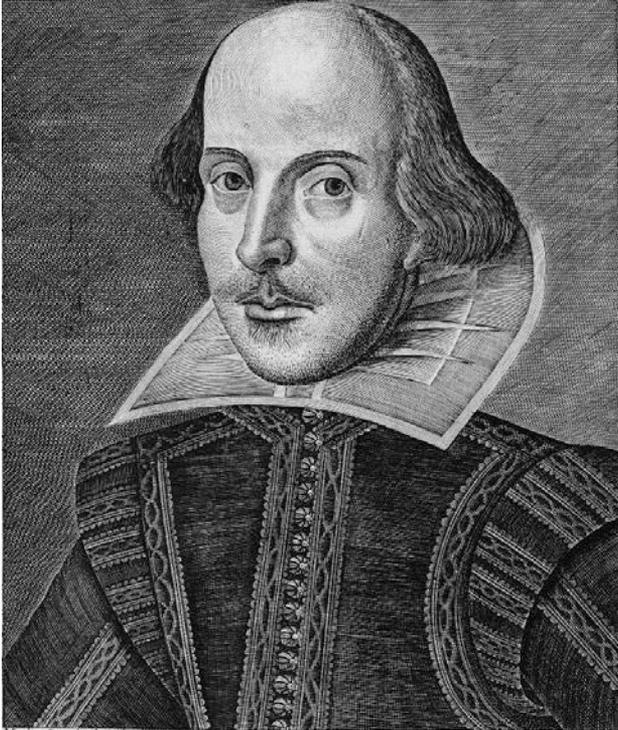


# ENGLISH at W&J



Davis Memorial Hall

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## About the Department

The Department of English offers courses in literary history and analysis, professional writing, and creative writing. Faculty members in the department aim to develop each student's ability to read with comprehension, insight and appreciation; write with competence, grace and authority in both academic and practical settings; speak with clarity and confidence; and understand literature and literary history.

The English major and minor prepare students for careers that require communication skills, cultural breadth, strong writing and research skills, and an ability to analyze and produce written material.

Descriptions of the department's varied offerings for past, current, and upcoming terms are available in Davis and are also posted on the department's Sakai page (under Resources).

## Major Requirements

### Ten English courses:

- 263 (*British Lit 1*)
- one of the following survey courses: 264, 265, or 266 (*British Lit 2, American Lit 1, American Lit 2*)
- 290 (*Literary Investigations*)
- four courses at the 300-level
- two additional courses, one of which must be numbered 200 or higher
- 400 (*Capstone Seminar*)

## Minor Requirements

### Six English courses:

- one of the following survey courses: 263, 264, 265, or 266 (*Brit Lit 1, 2 and American Lit 1, 2*)
- two courses at the 200-level
- two courses at the 300-level
- one additional course at any level

No more than two Intersession courses may count for the major, and no more than one for the minor. Professional writing courses (ENG 200, 201, 202, 203, 301, and others as designated) do not count for the minor. Neither the required freshman writing course (currently ENG 111, ENG 112) nor online courses count toward the major or the minor.

## Events

The department regularly sponsors literary and social events. Each fall, the department hosts the Branton Lecture, given by a distinguished scholar in the field of literature. Each term, a poet or fiction writer comes to campus to give a reading. Students always have opportunities to interact with visiting speakers.

## Awards and Prizes

Students may apply for the following endowed awards:

- Emily M. Auld Memorial Award
- Gilbert Award in Old English Literature
- Robert L. Ceisler '40 Pre-Law English Award

The following prizes are awarded by the department:

- James W. Gargano Memorial Prize
- John Livingston Lowes Prize
- William Holmes McGuffey Prize

Eligibility requirements, application procedures, and deadlines for the endowed awards are available in Davis and are also posted on the department's Sakai page (under Resources).

## Affiliated Student Groups

### Franklin Literary Society

The Franklin Literary Society, funded by the SGA, is the oldest continuously running collegiate literary society in the United States and dates back to 1797. It seeks "to sponsor interest in and discussion of creative thinking and expression pertinent to the study of humanities in a liberal arts college." Originally a secret society, FLS is now open to all with an interest in literature.

In recent years, the Society's activities have included sponsoring speakers and organizing panel discussions as well as arranging theatre trips, film viewings, book discussions, and service projects. In 2012, Franklin Literary Society merged its activities with those of W&J's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta.

### Wooden Tooth Review

*The Wooden Tooth Review*, founded in 2000 and funded by the SGA, is an undergraduate arts magazine featuring poetry, fiction, and artwork by W&J students. All W&J students are welcome to submit work to the journal for

possible publication, serve on review panels, and help with editing, design, layout, and other aspects of the production process. One issue is printed each spring.

## **Sigma Tau Delta**

Sigma Tau Delta (chapter Alpha Theta Tau) is an international English honor society intended “to confer distinction for high achievement in English language, literature, and writing.”

Starting in Fall 2014, eligible students must have satisfied the following requirements to be considered for membership in the honor society:

- declared a major or minor in English
- taken four courses in the English Department
- attended four English department and/or Franklin Literary Society events (sign-up sheets to document attendance are available at all eligible events)
- achieved the required GPA, both in English and overall

Sigma Tau Delta members are eligible to apply for a variety of national scholarships and may submit papers for publication in the society’s publications, *The Sigma Tau Delta Rectangle* and *The Sigma Tau Delta Review*.

Furthermore, members may submit papers, creative work, or round tables for possible presentation at the annual Sigma Tau Delta international convention. In the past two years, our chapter has had three students selected to present at the convention.

