

English



The English program aims to inspire students in the pursuit of their intellectual and professional passions through the teaching of literature, literary history, and creative and professional writing. Through encounters with diverse literatures and literary traditions, and through practice in deep reading, critical interpretation, and rigorous research, students learn to contribute meaningfully to a complex and changing world.

At W&J, our students engage personally with distinguished scholars, journalists, fiction writers, and poets through visits sponsored by the Maxwell Lecture Series, the Branton Lecture Series, the Visiting Writers Series, and the Enid Parker Keen Poetry Fund. Upon graduation, our students have achieved success in education, law, journalism, marketing, social media strategy, technology, medicine, entertainment, healthcare, and management.

Major Requirements

- Two survey courses, chosen from ENG 224 Gender and Sexuality in Literature, ENG 260 World Literature, ENG 263 British Literature 1, ENG 264 British Literature 2, ENG 265 American Literature 1, ENG 266 American Literature 2, ENG 270 African American Literature, ENG 275 Asian American Literature
- One course on pre-1850 literature, chosen from: ENG 215 Shakespeare for Everyone, ENG 263 British Literature 1, ENG 264 British Literature 2, ENG 265 American Literature 1, ENG 305 Early English Literature, ENG 310 Renaissance Literature, ENG 315 Shakespeare, ENG 320 The Long Eighteenth Century
- ENG 290 Literary Investigations
- Four 300-level English courses
- ENG 400 Capstone Seminar
- Two additional English courses, including one numbered 200 or higher

Minor Requirements

- One of the following surveys: ENG 224 Gender and Sexuality in Literature, ENG 260 World Literature, ENG 263 British Literature 1, ENG 264 British Literature 2, ENG 265 American Literature 1, ENG 266 American Literature 2, ENG 270 African American Literature, ENG 275 Asian American Literature
- One ENG course at the 200 level
- One ENG course at the 300 level
- Two additional ENG courses, at least one of which must be at the 200-level or above

A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.



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Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Research and Internships

- as editors
- as writers and researchers
- as social-media managers
- in businesses and law firms
- in non-profit corporations
- in the U.S. and abroad

Careers

- product manager
- editor or writer
- high school or college teacher
- lawyer
- social media manager
- technical writer

Alumni Achievements

- Assistant Professor, University of Virginia
- Director of Advancement, Andy Warhol Museum
- Legislative Assistant, U.S. House of Representatives
- Manager of University Recruiting, KPMG
- Product Manager, Facebook/Meta
- Senior M&A Communications Specialist, Intel Corporation

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