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## About the Department

The English Department combines the traditional study of literature with current developments in rhetorical, cultural, and new media work. In addition to substantial courses in English, American, and Anglophone literatures, offerings include graphic novels, ecocriticism, Bollywood film, literacy studies, and medical discourse. English majors are not merely scholars and critics; they are producers and practitioners as well. Some students choose to complete the major with a Focus in Creative Writing, honing their craft in small workshops, while analytical courses incorporate both traditional essays and creative or non-traditional assignments, often using digital tools.

In addition to providing an enduring humanistic education, the program fosters the analytical skills, effective writing, and intellectual adaptability essential to students' individual development, civic engagement, and personal and professional success beyond graduation. English majors complete the program skilled in the analysis and production of a variety of print, visual, and digital texts, and with the practical skills, critical consciousness, and creative insight necessary to face the pressing collective and individual challenges of our times. As a result, English graduates pursue a wide range of graduate programs and career paths, including law, publishing, business, education, communications, technology, government, philanthropy, and much more. As a complement to study in English, the Department strongly urges its students to obtain speaking and writing competence in a foreign language.

A student who successfully completes a major in English at the University of Puget Sound is prepared to

1. Read perceptively and critically:
  - a. recognize and characterize different literary and rhetorical styles
  - b. apprehend the relationships between aesthetic form and content
  - c. pursue connections between texts and their political, social, and cultural contexts
2. Write with clarity and sophistication:
  - a. conduct scholarly research and write original, self-directed projects that integrate multiple texts
  - b. analyze texts critically across genres and media
  - c. respond appropriately to the unique demands of different writing situations
3. Speak persuasively and from a position of knowledge:
  - a. approach literature from perspectives of both craft and analysis
  - b. engage ethically with a diversity of perspectives
  - c. present academic research orally and engage in relevant scholarly discussion

The English Department's website ([pugetsound.edu/english-current-students](http://pugetsound.edu/english-current-students)) includes more information about the curriculum, professors' expertise and interests, careers open to English majors, and our alumnae.

## General Requirements for the Major or Minor

General university degree requirements stipulate that 1) at least four units of the major or three units of the minor be taken in residence at Puget Sound; 2) students earn a GPA of 2.0 in courses taken for the major or the minor; and 3) all courses taken for a major or minor must be taken for graded credit. Any exceptions to these stipulations are indicated in the major and minor degree requirements listed below.

## Requirements for the Major

Completion of ten units:

1. ENGL 220
2. Three courses from ENGL 221–250
3. Six upper-level courses from ENGL 321–434, at least one of which must be at the 400 level. (See note below regarding upper-level course prerequisites.)

To be fulfilled as follows:

- a. Six units in the following area requirements:
  - One unit: *Centering Marginalized Voices*
  - One unit: *Media and Non-Literary Analysis*
  - Four units: *Literature*
- b. Three elective units
- c. *Literatures and cultures before 1800*: one of the ten units taken for the English major must focus primarily on content written prior to 1800.

## Upper-level prerequisites

1. Before enrolling in classes at the 300 level, students are encouraged to have completed ENGL 220 and at least one other 200-level requirement.
2. Before enrolling in courses at the 400 level, all 200-level requirements for the major must be completed, along with at least one course (but preferably two) at the 300 level.

## Note on Area Requirements

1. Please consult the English Department's website ([pugetsound.edu/english-current-students](http://pugetsound.edu/english-current-students)) prior to registration for a list of courses offered in any given term that satisfy the *Centering Marginalized Voices*, *Media and Non-Literary Analysis*, and *Literature* requirements. However, the following guiding principles may be useful:
2. In most cases, courses that satisfy the *Literature* requirement (4 units) are self-evident based on topics and descriptions. Courses that fulfill the *Centering Marginalized Voices* requirement (1 unit) prioritize the perspectives of non-Anglo-European and non-Anglo-American writers and materials (such as Native American Literature, African American Literature, Black Feminism, South Asian Fiction, Afrofuturism, Multiethnic Detective Fiction, and some versions of Major Authors, Eras, Movements, etc.). The *Media and Non-Literary Analysis* requirement (1 unit) is satisfied with courses on rhetoric, film or television, linguistics, critical theory, and cultural studies (such as Multimodal Composition, Superhero Comics, Print Media, Visual Rhetoric, History of the English Language, Bollywood Film, the Writing Internship, etc.).
3. Please note that while some individual courses share attributes in two of the above categories, no course may satisfy more than one area requirement at a time in fulfilling the major. However, the *Literatures and Cultures before 1800* requirement is an overlay, and therefore may be satisfied using any appropriate electives or area requirement courses.

## Requirements for the Major with Creative Writing Focus

Students who fulfill all three elective units in the major with courses from the Department's creative writing offerings, at least one of which must be at the upper level, will receive a B.A. in English with a Focus in Creative Writing noted on their transcripts. The following creative writing courses may be used to meet the focus requirements: ENGL 227, 228, 229, 325, 327, 328, and 434.

## Requirements for the Minor

Completion of five units:

1. ENGL 220
2. Two courses from ENGL 221–250.
3. Two courses from ENGL 321–399. (Note: Students are encouraged to have completed ENGL 220 and at least one other 200-level requirement before enrolling in courses at the 300 level.)

### Notes

1. The student must have a grade of C- or above in each course applied to a major or minor.
2. There is no time limit on courses applicable to an English major or minor.
3. Non-majors who wish to enroll in English courses at the 300-level or above need upper-division standing or permission of the instructor.

## Course Offerings

Unless otherwise specified, each course carries 1 unit of credit and is offered at least once each academic year. Please see "Frequency of Course Offerings" on page 18.

**Seminars in Scholarly Inquiry.** See *Seminars in Scholarly Inquiry in the Core Curriculum section of this Bulletin for course descriptions (page 18).*

- SSI1 104 Why Travel: Tales from Far and Wide**
- SSI2 104 Travel Writing and The Other**
- SSI1/SSI2 105 Imagining the American West**
- SSI2 119 Foodways: Human Appetites**
- SSI1/SSI2 132 Wild Things**
- SSI1/SSI2 134 Dreams and Desire: The Liminal World**
- SSI2 136 Suburbia: Dream or Nightmare?**
- SSI1/SSI2 138 How Dramatic Comedy Makes Sense of the World: From Aristophanes to the Absurd**
- SSI1/SSI2 141 Architectures of Power**
- SSI1 148 Journalism and Democracy**
- SSI2 148 Medical Narratives**
- SSI2 158 The Digital Age and Its Discontents**
- SSI1 158 The Digital Age and its Discontents**
- SSI2 160 Modernist Literature**
- SSI2 169 A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare**
- SSI1 171 Medical Discourse and the Body**
- SSI1 175 Utopia and the Imagination**
- SSI1 176 American Autobiography from Franklin to Facebook**
- SSI2 176 American Autobiography**
- SSI2 177 The Digital Present and Our Possible Techno Futures**
- SSI2 179 A Russian Mystery: Casting Shadows, Casting Light**
- SSI2 182 Against Equality? The Marriage Equality Movement and its Queer Critics**
- SSI1 193 An Investigation of Literary Naturalism**
- SSI1 194 Technologies of Power**
- SSI2 196 Postmodernism and the Challenge of Belief**

**Other courses offered by English Department faculty.** See *Connections in the Core Curriculum section of this Bulletin for Connections course description (page 34)*

### **AFAM 375 The Harlem Renaissance**

Satisfies the Connections core requirement. Satisfies the Knowledge, Identity, Power graduation requirement.

### **CONN 304 The Invention of Britishness: History and Literature**

Satisfies the Connections core requirement.

### **CONN 372 The Gilded Age: Literary Realisms and Historical Realities**

Satisfies the Connections core requirement.

### **CONN 379 Postcolonial Literature and Theory**

Satisfies the Connections core requirement.

### **HON 211 Metamorphosis and Identity**

Satisfies the Humanistic Approaches core requirement.

### **HUM 201 The Arts, Ideas, and Society: Western Tradition**

Satisfies the Humanistic Approaches core requirement.

### **HUM 290 Introduction to Cinema Studies**

Satisfies the Artistic Approaches core requirement.

### **HUM 303 The Monstrous Middle Ages**

Satisfies the Connections core requirement.

## English (ENGL)

**197 Events in English** 0.25 activity units. Under faculty supervision, students create academic and community programming to strengthen the English major. May be repeated for credit up to 2 times. Pass/Fail Required. Cannot be audited.

**198 Campus Book Club** 0.25 activity units. Students enrolled in the Campus Book Club attend regular meetings throughout the term and discuss a selection of books. The books (three or more, depending on their length and format) will each follow a particular theme, genre, and/or issue chosen for that term, with a new theme introduced each term by the discussion leader/s in consultation with a faculty advisor. Students are responsible not only for attendance and preparation, but also for inviting guest speakers, organizing campus events related to the club (and perhaps to issues raised in the readings), and being active, informed members of the discussions. May be repeated for credit up to 2 times. Pass/Fail Required.

**199 Crosscurrents Review** 0.25 activity units. Participation in Crosscurrents, the student literary and visual arts magazine, requires reading manuscripts, discussing submitted work, and collaboratively selecting the literature and visual art work that will appear in each semester's issue. Required weekly meetings also involve active promotion and publicizing of Crosscurrents and managing the Crosscurrents organization as a whole. *May be repeated for credit. Pass/Fail Required.*

**204 The American Dream: Loss and Renewal** This course for non-majors takes as its starting point the question: "What is the American Dream?" Who has achieved it and who hasn't? Is it a singular dream or a tapestry of dreams made of many threads? By reading texts from a variety of genres and cultural perspectives, the course examines the themes of identity, betrayal, and redemption. The course will examine the ways these most central of human experiences can be viewed as distinctly American. Authors studied may include Franklin, Thoreau, Whitman, Twain, as well as Morrison, Silko, and Otsuka. *Satisfies the Humanistic Approaches core requirement.*

**206 Literature by Women** This course for non-majors examines the work of women writers anywhere from the Medieval Period to the

present, with attention to the historical and cultural context of texts. It asks such questions as the following: what are the canonical issues that arise from a study of women's literature? Is women's literature different from literature by men in some essential way? What forces have worked against women writers and what strategies have they often employed to make their voices heard? How have those strategies shaped the literature that women have produced? *Satisfies the Humanistic Approaches core requirement.*

**212 The Craft of Literature** This course provides an introduction for non-majors to the craft of literature, engaging both critical and creative faculties. Studying and practicing methods of aesthetic and formal analysis of literary texts, students will consider the artistic choices writers make to create an imaginative experience. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in the creative process. *Satisfies the Artistic Approaches core requirement.*

**213 Biography/Autobiography/Memoir** This course for non-majors focuses on the genre of biography, autobiography, and memoir, and on the writer as subject. Students will examine this genre critically and creatively, considering how the self both creates and is created by the text. Students will explore connections and differences among autobiography, biography, and memoir, as well as the problem of objectivity. *Satisfies the Artistic Approaches core requirement.*

**220 Introduction to English Studies** This course serves as an introduction to the English major and minor and provides a foundation for the study of literature through reading, analyzing, and writing about a variety of literary and non-literary texts. Focusing on the relation between form and content in a range of genres including poetry, fiction, drama, memoir, graphic texts, and film, students develop a critical vocabulary and interpretive frameworks to engage meaningfully with literature. Students are also introduced to basic literary research tools, literary criticism, and disciplinary scholarship. Course content varies by instructor, but all sections include a play by Shakespeare. *Required of all majors and minors. Offered every semester.*

**227 Introduction to Writing Fiction** Combining seminar and workshop formats, the course introduces students to the interstices of imagination and narrative theory. Students read examples of literary fiction and write several short stories of their own. Students also take one or more stories through deep revision. *May be used to satisfy an elective unit for the Creative Writing Focus. Offered frequently.*

**228 Introduction to Writing Poetry** Combining seminar and workshop formats, the course introduces students to the art and craft of writing poetry. Students experiment with a variety of poetic forms, read the work of poets from many eras, study versification and free verse, expand their range of subjects, and explore different strategies of revision. By the end of the semester, students will assemble a portfolio of their original poetry. *May be used to satisfy an elective unit for the Creative Writing Focus. Offered frequently.*

**229 Introduction to Creative Nonfiction** Combining seminar and workshop formats, the course introduces students to creative nonfiction, a genre of writing that is simultaneously intensely personal and engaged with the world of the writer; that borrows from lyrical strategies of poetry and narrative strategies of fiction; and that draws on popular forms of writing and journalism. Students read classic examples of creative nonfiction and write several nonfiction essays of their own, each of which goes through revision for a final portfolio. *May be used to satisfy an elective unit for the Creative Writing Focus. Offered frequently.*

**231 Medieval and Renaissance Literature** This course introduces students to some of the major works of literature written in Britain from the Anglo-Saxon invasions and settlement in the 7th century to the aftermath of the English Civil War in the 17th century. The surviving stories from these centuries are richly diverse in language, form, and genre, and register great shifts, yet also surprising continuities in conceptions of heroism and honor, theories of family and nation, the relationship of the church and the individual, the nature of authority, and humanity's place in the universe. Thus, strategies for thinking critically about this period's literature emerge from a combination of close textual analysis and historical context. Readings may include works by the Beowulf-poet, the Gawain-poet, Chaucer, Kempe, the Sidneys, Spenser, Shakespeare, Donne, and Milton. *Offered frequently.*

**232 British Literature and Culture: Restoration to Reformation** This course surveys British literature from the Restoration of the monarchy in 1660 to the first Reform Bill in 1832. During this interval, known as "the long 18th Century," Britain emerged as the world's first commercial and industrial superpower while it also experienced an immense artistic transformation from the aesthetics of Neoclassicism to those of Romanticism. The course examines the ideas and the aesthetics of Restoration Comedy, Augustan Satire, and Romantic lyrical poetry in relation to their political, philosophical, and literary contexts. *Offered frequently.*

**233 British Literature and Culture: From Victoria to the Present** This course explores the literature and culture of the British Isles from the 1830s to the present. Covering three broad and rich periods—the Victorian era, Modernism, and Postmodernism—the roughly two centuries under study will be brought into focus by a significant theme (to be determined by the professor) as it manifests itself across the three periods and through particular writers, genres, and movements. Writers under study may include poets such as Tennyson, Browning, Barrett Browning, Yeats, Walcott, and Boland; novelists such as Brontë, Dickens, Woolf, and Rushdie; and playwrights such as Wilde, Osborne, Friel, and Churchill. *Offered frequently.*

**234 American Literature and Culture: Colonial to Early National** This course introduces students to significant developments in American literary history from European contact through the early-national era of the late-18th and early-19th Century. The course offers a thematically structured and comparative approach to literary works in relation to their socio-historical contexts (e.g., Colonization, Revolution, Constitutional Debates, Federalism, Early Nationalism). Drawing upon a variety of genres and voices, this course provides students with a foundational understanding of important traditions and transformations in literary history and aesthetics. *Offered frequently.*

**235 American Literature and Culture: Long Nineteenth Century** This course introduces students to significant developments in American literary history from the long 19th Century, spanning the post-Revolutionary era to World War I. The course offers a thematically structured and comparative approach to literary works in relation to their socio-historical contexts (e.g., Transcendentalism, U.S. Expansionism, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the Gilded Age). Drawing upon a variety of genres, this course provides students with a foundational understanding of important traditions and transformations in literary history and aesthetics. *Offered frequently.*

**236 American Literature and Culture: Modern and Contemporary** This course introduces students to significant developments in American literary history from the early 20th century through the contemporary moment. The course offers a thematically structured and

comparative approach to literary works in relation to their socio-historical contexts (e.g., WWI and WWII, the Great Depression, the Civil Rights Movement, the fall of the Berlin Wall). Drawing upon a variety of genres, this course provides students with a foundational understanding of important traditions and transformations in literary history and aesthetics. *Offered frequently.*

**237 American Literature and Culture: Beyond Borders** This introductory course engages with developments in American literary history that precede, complicate, or challenge nationalist frameworks. It focuses on the U.S. nation and/or its colonial antecedents through a lens that is transnational or multinational, considering the space we now identify as “America” (U.S) in relation to a variety of identities, traditions, and cultures that have circulated within and around it. The course thus emphasizes an anti-exceptionalist approach to American literature, focusing instead on the circulation of ideas about or in relation to the American U.S. within larger cultural or global contexts. Specific periods and themes vary according to instructor from the colonial era to the present, and may include comparative colonial or imperial literatures, trans-Atlantic traditions, and America in its various international, multi-national or post-national contexts. Course sub-topics might include but are not limited to the following: Anglo-American literary relations, narratives of colonization, Caribbean-American contexts, the Atlantic slave trade, U.S.-Mexico or hemispheric relations, literatures of transnational or international migration, the U.S. in a global world. *Offered occasionally.*

**240 Multimodal Composition** This course offers students an introduction to multimodal composition. Focusing on the theoretical as well as the practical skills of multimodal composing, this course explores the theoretical foundations of multimodal composition, and engage in composing across various mediums. In this course students compose soundscapes using digital content, make short documentary films, and reimagine the commonplace book as a multimodal way of interpreting and analyzing their reading. Students deploy multiple modes of communicating, including linguistic, visual, spatial, gestural, and aural ways of composing and creating. *Cannot be audited. Offered occasionally.*

**241 World Literatures** This course provides an introduction to literature for majors through the reading of World Literature. The course may include significant works from Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas, exploring literary art in specific historical and cultural settings. Texts invite the student to study the relationship between artistic tradition, social memory, and cultural identity. The aim of the course, however, is to expose majors to the literary genres, modes of production, conventions, and modes of reception distinctive of a specific culture or comparative cultures. Content will change according to the instructor’s expertise. *May be repeated for credit. Cannot be audited. Offered occasionally.*

**242 Introduction to Native American Literature** This course is a survey of Native American literature from beginnings to the contemporary moment. Students gain awareness of tribal distinctions and points of critical and socio-political concern within the field of study. Satisfies the Knowledge, Identity, Power graduation requirement. *Offered occasionally.*

**245 Shakespeare: From Script to Stage** This course offers students an introduction to the development of Shakespeare’s plays in an early modern cultural context. Students learn to appreciate Shakespeare’s rhetoric and poetics; approaches to genre and literary convention; exploration of political, intellectual, theological, cosmological, epistemological, moral and social constructs; treatment of gender, sexuality, and early modern identity; and creative use of the physical space of various

“play spaces” (both public and private) that inspired his dramatic imagination. *Offered frequently.*

**247 Introduction to Popular Genres** This topics course offers an introduction to the fiction of a designated popular genre (fairy tales, sci-fi, detective fiction, romance, etc.), covering constitutive elements of the genre and its history. Readings explore both conventional and experimental iterations of the genre, and consider the relationship between individual works, the conventions of genre, and their specific social contexts. In this course students think about the relationship between formal conventions, subject positions, and historical context, to gain a better understanding of the ways in which popular fiction reflects, refracts, or even challenges popular mores. The course topic is determined by the instructor. Recent topics include Fantasy Literature, Superhero Comics, Afrofuturism, and Detective Fiction. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *May be repeated for credit. Satisfies the Knowledge, Identity, Power graduation requirement. Offered frequently.*

**248 Children’s and Young Adult Literature** This course considers the characteristics and functions of literature for young people, from infants to early readers to adolescents. Course content and approach differ by instructor but may explore a variety of genres and forms with regard to historical context, formal and aesthetic dimensions, or political and ideological resonance. The course may take a chronological or thematic approach and may consider texts within a specific national/cultural framework or across borders. Topics covered by the course may include the history and development of a tradition; the circulation and reception of literature for young people; intertextuality and relationships to literary or other genres; engagement with social and cultural developments. *Offered frequently.*

**325 Playwriting** The course introduces students to the art and craft of playwriting by combining seminar and workshop formats in which members write, present, and revise monologues, dialogues, and sketches. Students work toward a final portfolio of this material as well as the completion of a short one-act play. The course also involves the analysis and discussion of published, produced plays; of conflict, suspense, characterization, plot, and other elements of drama; and of writing with actors, directors, producers, dramaturgs, and theatre audiences in mind. *Cross-listed as ENGL/THTR 325. Satisfies a requirement in Theatre Arts, and may be used to satisfy an elective unit for the Creative Writing Focus in English. Cross-listed as ENGL/THTR 325. Offered every year.*

**327 Advanced Fiction Writing** In this intensive fiction workshop students produce a portfolio of original fiction which undergoes many revisions, building upon techniques of plot and structure, point of view, character, setting, tone, voice, metaphor, motif. Students explore techniques of published short stories from the writer’s perspective as they develop their own techniques and writing. Because good writing does not happen in the absence of obsessive, persistent, close readings, this is a reading and writing intensive course. *May be used to satisfy an elective unit for the Creative Writing Focus. Cannot be taken Credit/No Credit. Offered frequently.*

**328 Advanced Poetry Writing** This intensive poetry workshop builds upon the skills and concepts introduced in ENGL 228, culminating in a substantial final portfolio of student work. Readings in this course highlight the craft issues to be mastered by studying canonical and contemporary poems, from Shakespeare to spoken word. By revising multiple drafts of their poems, seminar participants develop the advanced skills needed to become more effective writers of poetry. The workshop format stresses writing as a process and includes weekly exercises,

self-assessment essays, in-class discussions, and peer reviews. The workshop may conclude with a public reading of student work or other cumulative project. *May be used to satisfy an elective unit for the Creative Writing Focus. Offered frequently.*

**330 Genre: Novel** This course explores the aesthetics and politics of the novel form. The course may focus on a particular national iteration or cultural tradition of the novel (e.g., British, American, Postcolonial), a specific formal approach or subgenre (detective fiction), or a historical or thematic subset of the genre (the rise of the novel, the sentimental novel, the roman à clef). In addition, the course may emphasize the theoretical underpinnings of the genre as a specific category of historical production, engaging theories of the novel and issues raised by the novel's formal and historical particularity. Themes and texts vary by instructor. Recent topics include Rise of the Novel in the U.S., Contemporary Speculative Fiction, and Multiethnic Novels. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *May be repeated for credit. Offered frequently.*

**331 Genre: Autobiography** This course examines the genre of autobiography as it has evolved over time. Students consider how autobiographies written at specific points in history relate to the social, political, and aesthetic trends of the period; how the "non-fictional" genre of autobiography may be distinguished from fictional forms such as the Bildungsroman; and what characterizes major subgenres such as spiritual autobiography, slave narrative, autoethnography, and memoir. Themes and texts vary by instructor. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *Offered occasionally.*

**332 Genre: Poetry** This course provides advanced study of lyric, narrative, and dramatic poetry. Specific forms studied include the sonnet, ballad, villanelle, and other stanza-forms; the epic, ode, and elegy; and free verse. The course also involves the study of prosody and examines poems from different historical periods, nations, and cultures. Themes and texts vary by instructor. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *Offered occasionally.*

**335 Genre: Drama** This course studies a selection of plays in light of the history and theory of the genre, the relationship between performance and text, cultural context, and literary scholarship. While the course may incorporate acting, dramaturgy, as well as the analysis of live or filmed performance, its emphasis is on how drama is and has been interpreted as a literary artifact. Through the careful study of language and form students develop the skills for analyzing drama chiefly in terms of its place in the discipline of English studies, without losing sight of the productive interaction between the literary and theatrical. Themes and texts vary by instructor. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *Offered occasionally.*

**338 Genre: Popular Literature** This course focuses on one or more genres of popular writing. Examples include detective fiction, science fiction, fan fiction, westerns, romance novels, fantasy, or non-fiction. Students engage popular texts through rigorous literary analysis to ponder how such "light entertainments" are inextricably linked to aesthetic, historical, and social circumstances. Possible topics include the relationship between popular literature and "the literary"; the relationship between popular literatures and their historical or cultural contexts; the ideological work of genre fiction; the possibilities, limitations, and permeability of genres; as well as the politics of race, class, and/or gender in popular genres. Themes and texts vary by instructor. Recent topics include Irrealism and True Crime. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *Offered occasionally.*

**339 Genre: Print Media** This course explores diverse genres of print media and considers topics such as how facts are constructed in news reporting, how print and electronic media relate to each other, how ethical guidelines affect print media, how different publications represent similar events, and how social forces and journalistic writing shape each other. Readings include genre theory, journalistic writing in current print and electronic publications, and case studies involving ethics and representation. Themes and texts vary by instructor. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *Offered occasionally.*

**340 Film Genres** This course explores some of the major theoretical and cinematic approaches to film genre, and provides the opportunity for students to produce a short film project based upon this exploration. The specific genre (e.g., documentary, horror, melodrama, film noir, etc.) under study for any given semester is at the discretion of the professor. Through the analysis and subsequent production of the selected film genre, students interrogate the ways that industrial, social, technological, and aesthetic factors shape the development, circulation, and reception of a film genre over time. In addition to regular class time, evening film screenings are required. Themes and films vary by instructor. Recent topics include Documentary and Horror. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *Crosslisted as ENGL/HUM 340. Cross-listed as ENGL/HUM 340. Offered occasionally.*

**346 Jane Eyre and its Afterlives** This course is concerned with the endurance of the "Jane Eyre" story (itself an elaboration of the Cinderella myth). Beginning with Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* (1847), students examine a variety of stories, novels, and films that rework aspects of Brontë's vision. Students study the context of each revision and its commentary on the original text and examine shifts in the critical and feminist reception of these texts. Texts vary, but are selected from the following: Braddon, Gissing, James, Woolf, Forster, du Maurier, Rhys, Kincaid, Balasubramanyam, Winterson. Students produce both creative and analytic work. *Offered occasionally.*

**347 Gothic American Literature** This course explores the theoretical, political, and aesthetic dimensions of the gothic literary tradition in the U.S. from its late 18th-century inception to the current day. Along with a variety of primary literature, students consider foundational theoretical texts (Freud, Lacan) and secondary sources relevant to the uniquely American iteration of the Gothic, particularly those that interrogate the tradition's functions as dark counter-narrative to progressive U.S. ideology. Authors may include the following: Brown, Poe, Hawthorne, Crane, James, Wharton, O'Connor, Faulkner, Jackson, Capote, Whitehead. *Offered occasionally.*

**348 Illness and Narrative: Discourses of Disease** The discursive negotiation between illness (its politics, histories, and personalities) and language is at the heart of this course. Through a close examination of a variety of texts (novels, plays, comics, film, etc.) that take illness as their central subject matter, students explore a series of questions including: What influence does illness (epidemic or personal) have on narrative? What is the relationship between social and political attitudes toward disease and the way texts characterize healthy and sick? What are the recuperative or reformative functions of narrative? Texts under study will be drawn largely from the 20th and 21st centuries and will include a number of theoretical and critical readings on illness and narrative. *Offered occasionally.*

**349 Captivity and American Identity** Beginning with the genre's origins in colonial America, this course historicizes and contextualizes the

captivity narrative—a category first constructed around white men and women living among Indians, or kidnapped by Barbary pirates and held captive in Africa—in relation to the emergence of ideological Americanism in the colonial and early national periods. The course investigates the rise and function of emblematic captivity stories like those of Mary Rowlandson, Elizabeth Hanson, and Mercy Short as they constituted a particular racial and cultural notion of white identity in contrast to a “savage” Other. In addition to such conventional readings, however, this course also incorporates works by Native Americans (such as William Apess and Zitkala-Ša) and African Americans (David Walker, Harriet Wilson, Harriet Jacobs) who frame their experiences with white America as a kind of captivity, in order to examine how their works complicate the ideological assumptions of the genre and offer contradictory perspectives on the nature of captivity, race, and identity. Different iterations of the course focus primarily on historical work or may consider contemporary manifestations of the genre. *Offered occasionally.*

**353 The Bible and the Literary Tradition** The Christian Bible, comprising the Hebrew Bible (or Old Testament) and New Testament, continues to shape imaginative literature, which in turn has a long and dynamic history of engaging scripture in response to various social and ideological issues. A study of the interaction between the Bible and literature is therefore not simply an analysis of what the Bible says, but also of how the Bible has been understood or interpreted by various cultures, an examination that may include an introduction to the traditions that shaped the very composition of certain Hebrew and Christian texts. Instructors may focus on a specific period and translation—for example, the literature that shaped and responded to the King James translation of the 17th century—or provide a comprehensive survey of Biblical texts in relation to literature both ancient and modern. *Offered every other year.*

**354 Literatures of Empire** This course studies the British empire of the 19th Century and its slow dissolution during the course of the 20th century. The primary emphasis is on Britons’ engagement with and responses to the idea of empire, as reflected in literary and non-literary texts of the time, and is informed by contemporary political and postcolonial theory. Students consider debates about imperialism, the role of culture in imperial expansion, the conception of national character, and the process of decolonization are studied, as the class traces the theory of empire in the metropole and its practice in the colonies. Writers may include Hastings, Macaulay, Kipling, Schreiner, Anand, Conrad, Yeats, Joyce, Forster, Greene, Achebe, Gordimer, Rushdie, Chandra, and Friel. *Offered occasionally.*

**355 Books of the Booker Prize** From 1968 to 2013, the Man Booker prize was awarded annually to the “finest” full-length novel written by a citizen of the British Commonwealth or the Republic of Ireland, and bestowed honor, recognition, and controversy upon the winning author. The Booker inhabits an uneasy intersection of high art and mass cultural approbation, and while the judges would likely assert that the prize considers aesthetic matters only, a more realistic assessment would suggest that issues of historical contingency inevitably inflect the selection process. By studying winning novels by such authors as J. G. Farrell, Salman Rushdie, A. S. Byatt, and Ben Okri and considering relevant literary criticism and scholarship on the marketing of literary fiction, this course explores what the Booker Prize reveals about changing notions of postcolonial politics, economic structure, and gender roles—in short, of British national identity and Commonwealth affiliation. *Offered occasionally.*

**356 Bollywood Film** This course focuses on “Bollywood” cinema from the 1950s (immediately following India’s independence) to the present. It asks why Indian popular cinema has a wider global audience

and appeal than Hollywood and who is watching Bollywood films. In tracing the development of Indian cinema, the class addresses the ways films articulate the new nation’s dreams and desires, fears and follies, anxieties and growing pains. *Offered occasionally.*

**357 City as Text** This course examines the city as a social, cultural, and historical construct. Drawing on texts from a variety of genres, as well as cultural products that may include diaries, maps, photographs, and motion pictures, students consider one, two, or three selected cities as they have developed over time. The course highlights the function of rhetorical and ideological constructions such as “the city,” “citizenship,” and “urbanity,” and explores the symbolic and political associations of such terms. The particular cities, topics, materials, and historical scope are determined by the instructor. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. Cannot be audited. *Offered occasionally.*

**361 South Asian Fiction** This course is an introduction to some of the variety and complexity of fiction from India. It focuses primarily on novels and short stories written in English and considers the role they played in colonial, anti-colonial, and nationalist struggles and in definitions of who constitutes an “Indian.” It also engages post-colonial theorists of the last two decades, including G. Viswanathan, P. Chatterjee, B. Ashcroft, A. Loomba, H. Bhaba, and H. Trevodi. The course studies the work of literary writers selected from among the following: Tagore, Anand, Narayan, Rushdie, Ghosh, Roy, Sahgal, Hariharan, Chandra, Desai. *Offered occasionally.*

**362 Native American Literature** This course considers the Native American literary tradition and related historical and critical developments. Emphases vary by semester but are selected from major concerns and movements within the tradition and may include oral literatures, “mixed-race” and tribal identities, forced assimilation, literary colonialism, and American Indian nationalism. Students gain mastery of a critical vocabulary specific to the subject and, with increasing sophistication, articulate their own responses to the literature. *Offered occasionally.*

**363 African American Literature** This course considers African American literature in its aesthetic, cultural, historical, and political contexts. Focusing on both the history of African American literary production and representations of African Americans in literature, this course addresses literary genres such as slave narratives and pivotal cultural movements as the Civil Rights Movement. The course examines the relationship among literary aesthetics, race/racialization, and social context selecting from a broad range of historical periods as the Antebellum era to the contemporary “post-racial” moment. Topics may include the Black Atlantic, Black Feminist Literature, and Neo-Slave Narratives. *Offered occasionally.*

**364 Asian American Literature** This course explores important works of Asian American literature, including poetry, novels, nonfiction, and drama. This course considers Asian American literature’s historical emergence and relationship to canonical American Literature, attending to the way that literary form mediates authors’ responses to socio-historical circumstances like migrant labor, exclusion, immigration, forced internment, assimilation, and racialization. At the fore are theoretical questions about how these works engage and challenge notions of identity in light of pervasive social stereotypes and the ways the investments and injuries of identity inform the form and function of chosen works, even contesting the idea of an Asian American Literature. The course studies the work of such writers as Carlos Bulosan, Jessica Hagedorn, Theresa Hak Kyung Cha, Fae Myenne Ng, John Okada, Chang-Rae Lee, Sigrid Nunez, and Karen Tei Yamashita. *Offered occasionally.*

**365 Gender and Sexualities** This course explores the dynamics of gender, sexuality, and sexual identity as expressed in literature. Students explore literary texts that address the intellectual, social, cultural, political, and philosophical contexts from which gendered and sexual identities emerge and in which they are contested or negotiated. The course addresses some or all of the following topics in any given semester: sexual politics and power; the relation of imperialism and racism to questions of gender; and the influence of gender on writing as an act of self-definition and political or social identification. The course may emphasize material from the historical literary tradition or contemporary authors. It may also address identities comparatively or focus on a specific category of identity as it emerges or develops over time. Themes and texts vary by instructor. Recent topics include Medieval Women Writers, Early American Masculinity, Desire and the Queering of Domestic Fiction, and Queer Self / Queering Self. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *Satisfies a Gender and Queer Studies elective.*

**366 Critical Whiteness Studies** This course engages with “whiteness” as a category of identification in order to develop a theoretically informed understanding of the history, function, and effects of racial encoding within literature and upon the society it influences and reflects. Course materials offer a corrective to the tradition of Anglo-American and European denial of dominant racial construction(s), and grapple with implications of rendering “whiteness” visible. *Offered occasionally.*

**370 History of Literary and Critical Theory** Ranging in breadth from antiquity to the present, this course familiarizes students with a tradition of writing about art and literature and debates about the meaning and meaningfulness of literature. Core concerns may include historically changing definitions of the literary, arguments about the value of art and literature, methodological approaches to the study or interpretation of texts, the relationship between art and culture or society, theories of language and representation, and the relationship between representation and identity. These works address such fundamental questions as how and why do we read literature? How does literature work and what might it mean? And what is the connection between literature and the extant world? Because the field of criticism and theory is so broad and varied, particular emphases vary by instructor. Areas covered may include Classicism, Neoclassicism, Romanticism, Hermeneutics, New Criticism, Reader-Response, Marxism, Psychoanalysis, Structuralism, Post-Structuralism, Cultural Criticism, New Historicism, Cognitive Theory, Speculative Realism, and Narrative Theory. *Offered occasionally.*

**371 History of the English Language** The aim of this course is to come to an understanding of our English-language ancestries and to develop a critical appreciation for the lexicons that we carry with us in every utterance or essay, text or tweet. This offering is unlike other English courses, and in fact more closely resembles courses in history, foreign language, and science. Students examine the development of the English language from its Indo-European roots to the present day, gain the knowledge to approach pre-modern texts with confidence (including the rudiments of Old English and Middle English), develop sensitivity to the ways language functions and changes, and explore the current state of English as a world language. *Offered every other year.*

**372 History of Rhetorical Theory** This course examines major concepts and theorists within the rhetorical tradition from antiquity to the present. Issues central to the course include whether the goal of rhetoric is necessarily persuasion, and whether the mode of presentation in speech or writing alters the meaning of rhetoric. Students explore the implications of rhetorical theory for daily life, particularly through the

intersections of rhetorical theory and writing instruction, political and social activism, and visual media. *Satisfies the Knowledge, Identity, Power graduation requirement. Offered occasionally.*

**373 Writing and Culture** This course investigates the enigmatic and shifting term “culture” by examining how writers, theorists, and artists express themselves when responding to a variety of circumstances, events, or existing forms of expression. Texts under study include literature, journalism, critical theory, photography, and film, as well as the places that mediate these texts (bookstores, museums, cinema houses, the classroom, the Internet). In approaching culture through these different mediators and media, students also investigate strategies to express such encounters in their own writing. Because this course requires students to experience culture in a hands-on way, attendance at a number of activities (including a museum visit and film viewing) is expected. *Offered occasionally.*

**374 Literature and the Environment** Through the study of novels, poetry, creative nonfiction, and ecocritical theory, this course explores the development of ecologically engaged literature in 20th- and 21st-century English-language texts. Focusing on issues of environmental justice, this course devotes particular attention to investigating the role of the writer-activist. Informed by recent scholarship on topics ranging from animal studies to embodied nature to “Dark Ecology,” ENGL 374 considers works by authors such as Octavia Butler, Gary Snyder, Indra Sinha, Barbara Kingsolver, and Helon Habila as it considers the intersection of aesthetic practice and ethical intervention. *Offered frequently.*

**375 Special Topics in Rhetoric, Literacy and Composition** Special Topics in Rhetoric, Literacy, and Composition will familiarize students with theories in the field of rhetoric, literacy, and composition studies (RLC). Courses under this number will provide an in-depth examination of key intellectual movements and figures that inform the development of rhetoric, literacy, and composition studies. Through these courses students will gain a critical appreciation for the conceptual frameworks that shape understandings of the relationships between language, literacy, and culture. The course topic is determined by the instructor. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *Offered occasionally.*

**376 Narrative: Literature/Film** This course explores the nature, form, and function of a selection of narratives, reflecting on how a story unfolds depending upon the medium through which it is told. Drawing on theories of narratology, students consider the techniques that writers employ to convey their stories and, in turn, how filmmakers translate these techniques for cinema audiences. To facilitate this exploration, concentration is placed on the narrative mechanics that are unique to specific genres, auteurs, or movements. Themes, texts, and films vary by instructor. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *Offered occasionally.*

**377 The Book and the Marketplace** This course investigates the external forces that shape what authors write and how readers read. Rather than study the stories contained within the pages of a book, students concentrate their analyses on the economic and cultural influences that affect the production and reception of books, whether the stories they tell are old or new, fiction or nonfiction, bestsellers or cult hits. Although there are opportunities in this course to study the internal mechanics of the books in question, such investigations serve and are subordinated to inquiries involving the culture of the book in the marketplace. Topics for such inquiries might include the history of the book, the publishing trade, the forms in which texts are transmitted, censorship, intellectual property, marketing and marketability, booklists and

book clubs, professional and amateur reviews, and the politics of prize selection. *Offered occasionally.*

**378 Visual Rhetoric** This course investigates how texts might generate and require a literacy that is visual before it is lexical. By tracing the relationship between words and images in a variety of genres including illustrated novels, photographic essays, comic books, film, and zines, students explore how images convey, argue, and narrate cultural, political, and personal stories. In addition to these primary texts, readings include seminal essays in semiotics and cultural studies that enable students to examine the distinctions between visual literacy and print literacy, the relationship between word and image, and what it means to be visually literate. *Offered occasionally.*

**379 Special Topics in Theory** Courses under this number may explore either a single theory or small group of literary theories, as well as their application. As opposed to a broad survey of theory, this course aims to give students a deep knowledge of particular theoretical fields, resulting in conceptual and lexical fluency that will contribute to literary analysis across the curriculum. The course topic is determined by the instructor. Recent topics include Contemporary Black Feminist Theory and Theories of Language and the Law. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *Offered every other year.*

**381 Major Authors** The selected author of study for any given term varies according to the instructor's specialization. For example, students might spend a semester studying William Blake, the Romantic period poet and artist, in relation to the mysterious subculture of London's artisan class, the political ideas advanced by the French Revolution, and the author's own battle with forces of social injustice and intellectual oppression; or Katherine Mansfield, the fascinating, fierce, and brilliant modernist whose interrogations of patriarchy and heteronormativity have made her a pivotal figure in early 20th-century studies of feminism and queer theory. Other recent offerings have studied the life and works of William Shakespeare, John Milton, Herman Melville, and Jane Austen. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *May be repeated for credit. Offered frequently.*

**382 Movements** Courses under this category organize texts into the study of particular and discrete movements. These movements may be defined literarily, historically, politically, or culturally, among other possible groupings. The course may focus on self-defined literary movements or movements that have been defined retrospectively. The course topic is determined by the instructor. Recent topics include Irish Literary Revival and Rhetorics of Resistance: Contemporary Activist Movements. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *Offered occasionally.*

**383 Eras** This category designates courses that organize the study of literature into discrete historical eras and their significant cultural, aesthetic, or political concerns. "Eras" courses differ from historical surveys in that they focus on a single historical period, rather than bridge multiple historical periods, thus emphasizing depth within the period over breadth encompassing multiple periods. The emphasis on literary texts is balanced with attention to secondary sources and literary scholarship. The course also includes perfecting methods of literary analysis, instruction on writing about literature, and challenging writing assignments. The course topic is determined by the instructor. Recent topics include Victorian Underworlds, Dante, Chaucer, and the City, Frontier Mythologies, and Forms of Identity in Post-1965 US Literature. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming offerings. *May be repeated for credit. Offered frequently.*

**397 The Writing Internship** A seminar in support of a local writing internship, to be arranged by the student in consultation with the instructor before the semester starts. The writing internship has two components: fieldwork and classwork. Students work as writing interns in advertising, public relations, journalism, television, and other areas. The classroom component is conducted as a seminar in which students make presentations on a variety of topics, discuss internship experiences, and receive information on career and professional development. *Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing and permission of instructor. Offered frequently.*

**430 Advanced Seminar in World Literatures** Course topics and emphases are determined by the instructor. Intended for English majors with junior or senior standing, advanced seminars are designed to facilitate in-depth examination of a specific topic, independent study, and the production of substantial work in fields related to faculty and student interest. Generally, the early part of the term is devoted to building a shared expertise that will inform the student's independent research later in the semester. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming topics. *Prerequisite: Four ENGL courses at the 200 level and at least one ENGL course at the 300 level. Cannot be audited. Offered occasionally.*

**431 Advanced Seminar in American Literature** Course topics and emphases are determined by the instructor. Intended for English majors with junior or senior standing, advanced seminars are designed to facilitate in-depth examination of a specific topic, independent study, and the production of substantial work in fields related to faculty and student interest. Generally, the early part of the term is devoted to building a shared expertise that will inform the student's independent research later in the semester. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming topics. *Prerequisite: Four ENGL courses at the 200 level and at least one ENGL course at the 300 level. May be repeated for credit up to 2 times. Offered frequently.*

**432 Advanced Seminar in British Literature** Course topics and emphases are determined by the instructor. Intended for English majors with junior or senior standing, advanced seminars are designed to facilitate in-depth examination of a specific topic, independent study, and the production of substantial work in fields related to faculty and student interest. Generally, the early part of the term is devoted to building a shared expertise that will inform the student's independent research later in the semester. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming topics. *Prerequisite: Four ENGL courses at the 200 level and at least one ENGL course at the 300 level. May be repeated for credit up to 2 times. Offered frequently.*

**433 Advanced Seminar in Rhetoric and Literacies** Course topics and emphases are determined by the instructor. Intended for English majors with junior or senior standing, advanced seminars are designed to facilitate in-depth examination of a specific topic, independent study, and the production of substantial work in fields related to faculty and student interest. Generally, the early part of the term is devoted to building a shared expertise that will inform the student's independent research later in the semester. Please consult the department website for information on current and upcoming topics. *Prerequisite: Four ENGL courses at the 200 level and at least one ENGL course at the 300 level. May be repeated for credit up to 2 times. Offered occasionally.*

**434 Advanced Projects in Creative Writing** Intended for English majors with junior or senior class standing, the advanced creative writing workshop facilitates the writing and revision of an original work: a collection of short stories, a novel or novella, a chapbook or

volume of poems, a play, a film script, or other substantial piece of student writing. Like the literary and rhetorical scholarship seminars, this course devotes the early part of the semester to building a shared expertise that will inform creative projects in multiple genres; the latter part of the semester involves the production of a polished manuscript. *Prerequisite: Four ENGL courses at the 200 level and at least one ENGL course at the 300 level. May be repeated for credit up to 2 times. Offered occasionally.*