DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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Overview

The SLU Department of English not only teaches courses on major authors and in major periods of British and American literature but also is home to creative writing, rhetoric, business and professional writing, critical theory, postcolonial literature, African American writing, Native American writing, gender and sexuality, and the history of the English language. The department also teaches new and emergent areas of the discipline: film, new media, ecocriticism, literature and technology. Through the study of language, literature and film, students understand cultural values and meanings; they understand persuasive argumentation; they develop analytical thinking and effective writing skills; they learn about literary forms, literary genres, and literary history (the characteristics of, for example, the Middle Ages, Renaissance, and Victorian periods, as well as the differences between them; literary and artistic movements such as Romanticism and Modernism); they appreciate human creativity; they engage imaginatively with the experiences of diverse people from different times and cultures.

Internship Opportunities

Nathaniel Rivers, Ph.D.
Internship Advisor

The Department of English offers a variety of internships that are arranged on a case-by-case basis. Examples include:

# Legal Assistant
# Museum Project Director
# Film Assistants
# Editorial Writer
# Publishing Assistant
# Magazine Editing
# Editorial Writing

General Requirements

Internships are limited to English majors with junior or senior status. Students are required to work no less than 10 hours weekly to earn 3 credits for the semester. Students approved for internships register for ENGL 4910; grading is satisfactory/unsatisfactory.

Programs

Undergraduate

- Creative Writing, Minor (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/english/creative-writing-minor)
- English, B.A. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/english/english-ba)
- English, B.A. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/english/accelerated-bachelors-jd)
- English, Minor (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/english/english-minor)

Graduate

- English, M.A. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/english/english-ma)
- English, Ph.D. (http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/english/english-phd)

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