English Major Portfolio

English majors, whether literature or creative writing, are required to submit a portfolio of their work in the spring of their senior year (those graduating in December must also submit the portfolio in the spring prior to their graduation). The purpose of the portfolio is to assess the progress students make in their English major, to gather information about the program, and to help the department plan for future improvements.

Portfolios are reviewed by a committee of English department faculty. The grading system is Pass/Fail and appears on the student's transcript. A grade of “Pass with Honors” is reserved for English Honors majors. The Portfolio will be created in Blackboard and submitted electronically to the reviewing faculty members. Students and the University Registrar will be informed of the results prior to graduation.

The Assessment Portfolio should include:

- Two papers from advanced electives (3000-, 4000-, and 5000-level courses), which may include the senior seminar, that reflect the student's best work. These must be research papers, at least 7-10 pages in length, and including at least three critical sources. Papers from 1201, 1202, the six surveys, or 2204 should not be included in the portfolio.
- Students may revise the papers prior to submission so the portfolio represents their best possible work.
- Those graduating with English Honors must include the senior seminar paper in addition to the three advanced elective papers.
- A 3-page written self-assessment that also includes an assessment of the English major.