English

**Note:** As of August 1, 2021, we are no longer accepting students into this program.

Because it speaks to our imagination, literature allows us to approach the moral, ethical, social and political dilemmas of the human situation in an integrated way. The beautiful and the well-argued, the felt and the reasoned, the actual and the possible, the message and the medium: students of literature do not treat these spheres as distinct aspects of human existence, rather — especially in our department — they bring these disparate ideas together. The result is that an English degree is recognized as a strong foundation for careers in communications, business, law, social work, the fine arts and teaching.

Course work introduces students to important literary texts, to the development of the English language, and to the origins of Western literature and culture. Students develop reading and writing skills, rigorous critical thinking skills, and the ability to communicate complex ideas persuasively, all while obtaining a broad liberal education.

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