



ENGLISH

The English curriculum at Our Lady of Holy Cross College offers a broad spectrum of courses aimed at training students to think clearly, communicate effectively, judge precisely, and analyze critically. Along with survey courses in American and British literature, the curriculum includes such interdisciplinary courses as World Literature, Women in Literature, and Women Writers. Other courses include Creative Writing, Shakespeare, Southern Literature, Modern Poetry, and Literary Forms. A Special Topics course is offered as needed on such topics as Religion and Literature and Literary Criticism. English majors are required to complete either a Senior Internship in a professional setting or a Senior Thesis focused on an approved research project.

Upon successful completion of the English Program (36 credit hours), English majors should be able to

- demonstrate critical thinking;
- demonstrate effective and grammatically correct oral and written communication in both expository and creative forms;
- critique literary passages in terms of style, tone, historical context, genre, and technique;
- identify themes common to various genres of British, American, and world literary works; and
- critically analyze literary works.

English majors are required to take at least 15 credit hours of Fine Arts electives in theatre, music, and/or art. Their 15 credit hours of General Electives allow them to pursue other complementary academic interests, such as certification to teach English at the secondary level.

An English minor is offered to students who complete 18 credit hours of required courses about the English core (English 101 and 102) and General-Education requirements (English 200). The required courses are English 250-251 (American Literature I and II), English 300-301 (British Literature I and II), English 307 or 308 (World Literature I or II), and English 352 (Shakespeare I).

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At Our Lady of Holy Cross College, the English program is supplemented by several extra-curricular activities:

- *Calliope* is a literary magazine published once a year at the end of the spring semester, featuring original creative writing and artwork by OLHCC students. Each year at the Honors Convocation, prizes are awarded to the best *Calliope* entry in fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and art.
- *The Literary Club of OLHCC* is a student organization open to English majors and any other students interested in Creative Writing. The President also serves as editor of *Calliope*. The Club sponsors the annual Literary, Art, and Music Festival to launch the magazine and to showcase the artistic talents of students, faculty, and staff. The Literary Club also sponsors readings by authors. Club members have attended local literary activities, such as the Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival and the South Central Conference on Christianity and Literature.
- *Alpha Xi Nu*, the OLHCC chapter of *Sigma Tau Delta*, the International English Honor Society, was chartered in the fall of 2006. All English majors with a GPA of at least 3.0 are eligible to become members.

Careers for English Majors:

Graduates with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English have a background enabling them to understand better their multi-cultural heritage from a theological, philosophical, and aesthetic perspective. Professions seek out college graduates who can express themselves articulately in person and in writing and who can draw on the ideas of the major thinkers and writers of the world. Some of the careers open to English graduates are

- Acting
- Advertising
- Arts reviewing
- Audiovisual writing
- Business writing
- Column writing
- Copy writing
- Creative and non-fiction writing
- Editing
- Insurance
- Journalism
- Law
- Marketing
- Museum curating
- Public relations
- Publishing
- Sales
- Script writing
- Secondary English teaching
- Speech writing
- Television news producing and reporting
- University or college teaching

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the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award
the associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees.*

