

English Department Outcomes posted 6/11/10

English Major (Literature Track) Outcomes

1. Demonstrate understanding of literary history by analyzing literary texts in relation to literary movements, genres, or periods
2. Demonstrate ability to employ concepts and methods from major literary theories and critical approaches in original critical writing.
3. Demonstrate ability to investigate connections between cultural contexts (domestic or global) and the English language and literature in English.
4. Demonstrate competence in locating and using library resources, including book collections and scholarly research databases, and in selecting and integrating source materials in critical essays, using MLA documentation style.
5. Demonstrate understanding of rhetoric by writing clearly and persuasively in response to specific rhetorical contexts and by analyzing and evaluating a range of texts in light of rhetorical concepts.
6. Demonstrate ability to apply learning in the major to professional and applied settings, as evidenced in such activities as teaching practica, internships, graduate school and career exploration, and participation in conferences and societies.

English Major (Writing Track) Outcomes

1. Demonstrate applications of varied writing styles; creative and professional genres; and rhetorical strategies and conventions.
2. Demonstrate competency with revision processes and collaborative revision as both critic and author through activities such as workshops, peer reviews, and group projects.
3. Demonstrate competency in editing for grammar, mechanics, and conventions.
4. Demonstrate ability to present original written materials orally in contexts such as workshops.
5. Demonstrate awareness of opportunities to circulate original writing beyond the classroom in forums such as publications internships, contests, and poetry slams.
6. Demonstrate the capability for self-assessment, including in relation to portfolios and self-critiques.