

## **English B.A.**

### **Mission:**

The BA in English offers students a rigorous and stimulating program that prepares graduates for advanced study and a range of professions in writing, journalism, analytic fields, linguistics, and teaching. Our courses encourage both the analysis and production of texts in a wide range of genres, supporting the University's overall mission for undergraduate education: (1) to develop the intellectual skills of critical thinking and problem solving and to encompass the breadth of understanding needed for personal growth and achievement and for responsible citizenship. (2) Our core courses in literature enhance the University's special emphasis upon appreciation of the arts, and our required courses in world literature and at least one literary focus (e.g., Women Writers or African-American Literature), ensure exposure to the perspectives of women, minorities, and non-Western cultures (3) We also support the University's major goals of quality instruction (with our award-winning faculty); commitment to free inquiry (with our variety of emphases and innovative topics courses); research, scholarship, and creativity (with our faculty's active scholarly and creative work); and distance learning.