JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH

Our department cultivates a warm, friendly and supportive atmosphere for our students. In our program, you will be introduced to both the deepest traditions of literature and the most current approaches to, and applications of, literary study. We both rigorously prepare students for PhD study and also provide them highly innovative curricular opportunities to explore other career options.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH

Master’s Program in English
To earn the degree you need to complete nine courses as well as write a thesis or take a field examination. We offer several department Graduate Assistantships and Tuition Scholarships for our incoming MA students.

Graduate Certificates
• Communication
• Education
• Gender & Women’s Studies

Post-Master’s Certificate in English
You may be interested in this program if you have already attained a master’s degree (in English or Education) and wish to continue your graduate study. You may take five courses in a curriculum that you design to meet your professional interests and needs.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A VILLANOVA MASTER’S DEGREE IN ENGLISH?
• Pursue a PhD in highly rated doctoral programs
• Advance your teaching career in secondary schools
• Excel in a career in any field that demands the verbal acumen and analytical rigor our program cultivates

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY
“...The environment in Villanova’s English MA program is both encouraging and challenging, and it allowed me to develop the skills necessary to gain admittance to English PhD programs. I especially appreciated the opportunity to undertake personalized courses of study and to work closely with individual professors, as the feedback I received was instrumental in improving my research and teaching skills and in building my confidence as a scholar.”

- Casey Smedberg ’18 MA, PhD student at the University of Connecticut

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OUR FACULTY
The graduate English faculty balance an active scholarly life with a deep commitment to teaching. Our faculty have PhDs from top-rated institutions, have numerous publications and have won or been short-listed for prestigious teaching awards.

OUR CURRICULUM
The graduate courses are seminar-style with a maximum of 15 students. There are only two course requirements for the MA program: one pre-1800 British or Irish literature course and one pre-1900 American literature course. We offer a range of courses with historical coverage extending from the Medieval period to the present, as well as additional unique curricular opportunities:

- An innovative Literary Theory course featuring a number of faculty leading sessions that focus on current critical trends in their individual literary fields.
- A Professional Research Option in which students identify and research professions in which an advanced degree in literature is of benefit.
- A study abroad opportunity with the Irish Theatre Summer Studio course in conjunction with the Abbey Theatre in Dublin, Ireland.

RECENT COURSE OFFERINGS
- Revenge Tragedy
- Crime Fiction and Gender
- American Gothic
- Joyce's Ulysses
- American Immigrant Narratives
- Gender, Love, Liberty in the Age of Milton
- English Medieval Romance
- Reading the Ethnic Canon
- Toni Morrison
- Revolutionary Decade: The 1790s
- Science and Fiction before Science Fiction
- Literature of the American Civil Wars
- Letters, Texts, Twitter
- Chaucer's Canterbury Tales
- African American Literature of the 20th Century
- Institutional Fictions
- Detecting Gender in American Fiction
- Eco-poetry

WHY VILLANOVA?
- Feed your intellectual passion: Learn collaboratively with fellow graduate students and build lasting relationships with faculty mentors.
- Flexibility and convenience: All of our courses meet in the evenings.
- Travel funding: Funds are available for presenting at conferences or for research.
- Teaching: Students are not required to teach but can participate in a Teaching Internship, which offers a unique opportunity to assist a faculty member in the teaching of an undergraduate English course.
- Ideal location: We are located on a beautiful green campus 12 miles from Philadelphia and easily accessible by mass transit.

VISIT US!
We encourage you to contact us to set up an appointment to meet in person, take a tour of campus or sit in on a graduate seminar.

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