

Department Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate the skills necessary for effective research, writing, and oral communication in various genres and media.
- Students will display interpretive, analytical and critical skills developed through the close study and analysis of texts.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures and literary texts.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of the nature, structure, and history of language.
- Students will develop redemptive social and spiritual engagement through studies of languages, texts, cultures, and media.

Tradition of Excellence

The Department of Literature, Journalism, and Modern Languages invites students to enter into the "republic of letters," to become students of the basic component of human interaction: language. The department is committed to helping students learn how to communicate their ideas effectively through the analysis and study of the written word as used in a breadth of literature—classical and modern, British and American, European, and a wide variety of other western and non-western literatures. The faculty offer different approaches to the subject matter due to their different educational backgrounds. Professors of the department have distinguished themselves by having work published in *Great Lives*, *Great Events -- The Seventeenth Century*, *Great Lives -- The Eighteenth Century*, *Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism*, *Brontë Studies*, *The Ben Jonson Journal*, *The Literary Encyclopedia*, *English Today: The International Review of the English Language*, *Religion and Literature*, *Literature and Belief*, *Christianity and Literature*, *Profession*, *Journal on African Literature*, *Tydskrif vir Ieterkunde*, *Contemporary French and Francophone Studies*, *Nineteenth Century French Studies*, *La Corónica*, *The Princeton University Library Chronicle*, *The New York Times*, *Christianity Today*, *Relevant Magazine*, *Sojourners*, *The Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, *Christian Feminism Today*, and *the Encyclopedia of Christian Literature*. Faculty members have also published books and poetry collections. They have given lectures and submitted papers at such places as the University of London, the University of Hull, the University of Leeds, UCLA, Princeton University, and the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in Madrid, Spain. Department faculty have also received major national grants including several from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Fulbright Fellowship Grant, and the Del Amo Foundation.