

SENIOR WRITING PORTFOLIO

DESCRIPTION

The Senior Writing Portfolio is a capstone document of your accomplishments as a Writing major. The portfolio serves as both an evaluative tool for the department and an organized, comprehensive writing sample that students can present to employers and grad schools.

CONTENTS

1. ~40 pages of your best writing at PLNU and a representative selection from the creative writing classes. Focus on (1) What YOU consider your main genre and (2) your secondary genre. Also include your best short work from WRI315, WRI365, and other required upper division Writing courses.
2. A 4-6-page critical forward or afterword that discusses sources, influences, lessons learned, and where your creative work fits into the literary canon. Include terms and concepts learned in LIT250 and other LIT courses.
3. A reading list that collects the works mentioned in the forward or afterword.
4. (a) A piece in your main genre written in your freshman or sophomore year among your FIRST writing course at PLNU (or college you transferred from) and (b) a senior year revision of that piece.
5. A cover letter or query letter to a publisher, employer or grad school in the writing field. Should be persuasive (publication or admission to a program) and use format and strategies taught in WRI365.

FORMAT

8.5 X 11, double-side printing, cover, spiral binding. Two copies—one for you and one for the department. (Reprographics or Kinko's can print this). Also send an email attachment to rhill@pointloma.edu

-Include Cover page, table of contents, consecutive page numbers.

-Use How to Send Format for individual pieces

-Practice meticulous proofreading

DUE DATES

Rough draft for conference: Penultimate regular class day of semester
Final Draft: Final Exam Day