



LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Scholarships available to majors in the department of Language and Literature:

Thomas Deegan Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a full-time junior or senior English major with a minimum GPA of 3.5.

Daniel B. Fleming '93 Memorial Award is a scholarship for English majors who are pursuing teaching careers.

Sister Dorothy Marie Peschon, R.S.M. '19 Scholarship is awarded to a full time student majoring in foreign language studies.

Joan Guilfoyle '39 Scholarship is awarded to a full time student majoring in foreign language studies.

Honor Societies open to students in the department of Language and Literature:

Sigma Tau Delta, Alpha Epsilon Xi Chapter [for English and English Education Majors]

Why become a major in the department of Language and Literature?

In an increasingly complex world where cultural symbols and knowledge are continuously constructed and revised in variable contexts and locations, the students who will have the competitive edge are those who possess the ability to decode signs and communicate transitionally, those who develop literacy within and across multiple cultural contexts, and those who benefit from the self-reflexive potentialities of an international perspective.

The Department of Language and Literature offers a number of academic paths for intellectual discovery and future success in the fields of literary, linguistic, pedagogical, and rhetorical endeavor. Students can choose a major, or a double major, from six academic programs:

- English, Global Literature concentration
- English, Rhetoric and Writing concentration
- English Secondary Education
- Spanish, Option 1: Spanish Language, Literature and Civilization
- Spanish, Option 2: Spanish in the Professions
- Spanish Education

In addition, the department offers students the opportunity to pursue an English minor, a Writing minor, or a Spanish minor if they so choose. Because we offer a broad range of majors and minors, students will have the flexibility and faculty support to design a course of study that will help you achieve your educational and professional goals:

Majors in English have enjoyed success in a broad variety of endeavors: as members of the "creative class," artists, broadcasters, editors, entertainers, advertising and public relations personnel; as development professionals in the not-for-profit sector; as organizational administrators and marketing analysts. And while English majors have long been valued by law schools, they are increasingly prized by business schools and medical schools, especially if armed with an appropriate minor.

Majors in the Spanish tracks explore their own and other cultures and, as a result, develop more advanced cognitive abilities as a result of linguistic praxis. Graduates in the Spanish tracks enter careers such as nursing, communication sciences and disorders, law enforcement, and the expanding, Spanish-based U.S. and international business markets.

Opportunities to train as teachers of Spanish and English are also offered in the Department of Literature and Language, with additional support from the School of Education.