

**Major Requirement:  
The English Department Portfolio Project**

As you prepare for graduation, the Portfolio Project provides an opportunity for you to review your best critical work. In addition, this material enables the English Department to conduct better self-assessment and planning.

Portfolios for the 2022-2023 academic year should be submitted by the following dates:

- for Fall 2022 graduation, due by **Monday, November 7, 2022**
- for Spring 2023 graduation, due by **Monday, March 27, 2023**
- for Summer 2023 graduation, due by **Monday, May 29, 2023**

All English majors, regardless of concentration, are required to submit two critical essays from upper-level (300- or 400-level) courses.

The ideal kinds of essays for our purposes are those in which you perform a researched reading of a literary text. In any case, choose two essays that:

- include **close-readings** of primary texts,
- show evidence of **research**, including the use of **secondary sources**,
- demonstrate familiarity with **theory and criticism**, and
- represent your **best, most substantive** critical work.

Please be sure that both papers include your name, the course title and number, and your instructor's name. Portfolios should be submitted electronically via email attachment to Department of English secretary Kim Graves at [kagraves@southalabama.edu](mailto:kagraves@southalabama.edu).