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LITERATURE



ENGLISH AT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

LITERATURE

EMPHASIS OVERVIEW

The B.A. in English Literature adds expertise in interpreting literary and other creative cultural texts to the grounding in English Studies provided by the core requirements. Be exposed to the history and cultural significance of American, British, and other culturally diverse literary traditions. Study the comprehensive methodologies for interpreting creative texts, and become the kind of writer who can grapple with the complexities and subtleties of creative texts.

SKILLS EARNED

- Expertise in advanced critical thinking
- Excellence in writing and editing
- Experience in research design and archival research
- Awareness of global connections and differences
- Knowledge of multiple creative traditions
- Independent and creative thinking
- Understanding texts within various cultural and historical contexts

CAREERS

- Writer/Content Specialist
- PR/Marketing Specialist
- Social Media Manager
- Congressional Aide
- Lawyer/Paralegal
- Librarian
- Editor
- Educator

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CREATIVE WRITING

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When a poem or lyric moves you, how does it make you feel what you're feeling? When a story scares you, what's happening on the level of structure and syntax to usher you toward surprise? In the creative writing emphasis, you won't only read and write, you'll learn the very mechanics of prose and poetry, in order to be able to reproduce the effects of the literature you love. During your course of study, you'll read and interpret the work of contemporary writers, study the history and conventions of various genres, attend literary readings, and share their prose and poetry with classmates.

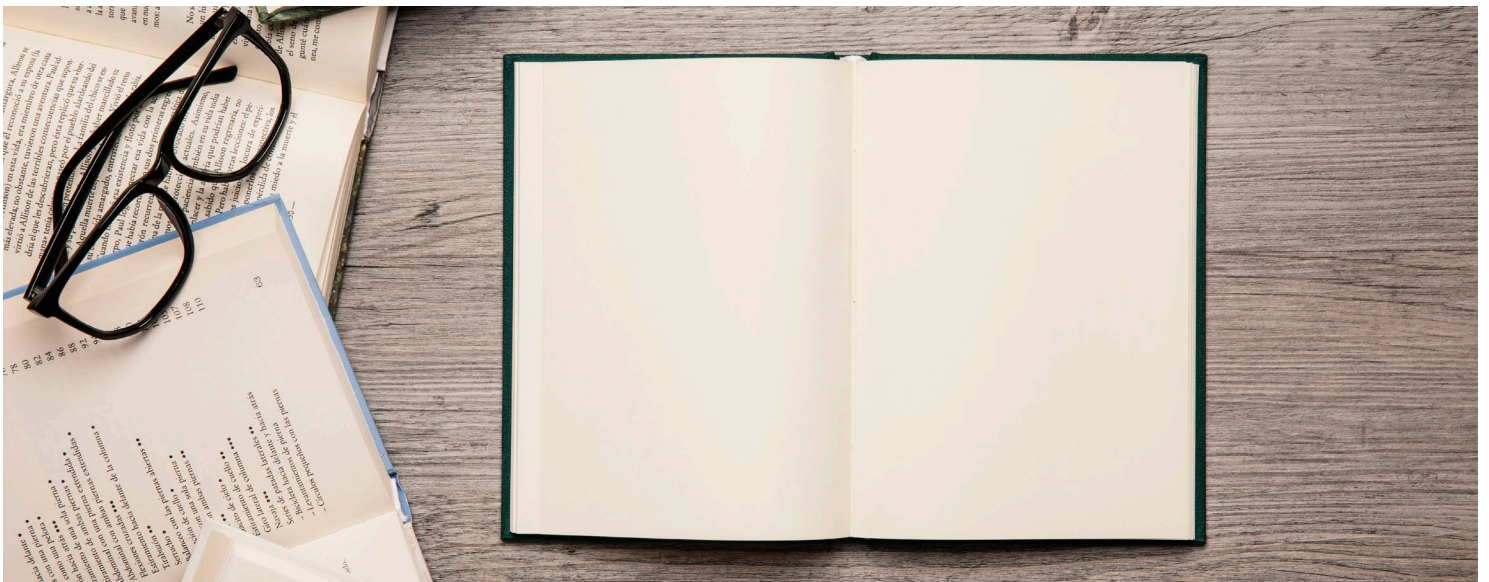
CAREERS

- Screenwriter/Playwright
- Magazine Editor
- Literary Agent
- Travel Journalist
- Teacher
- Book Publishing Agent
- Merchandising Writer
- Writing Project Manager

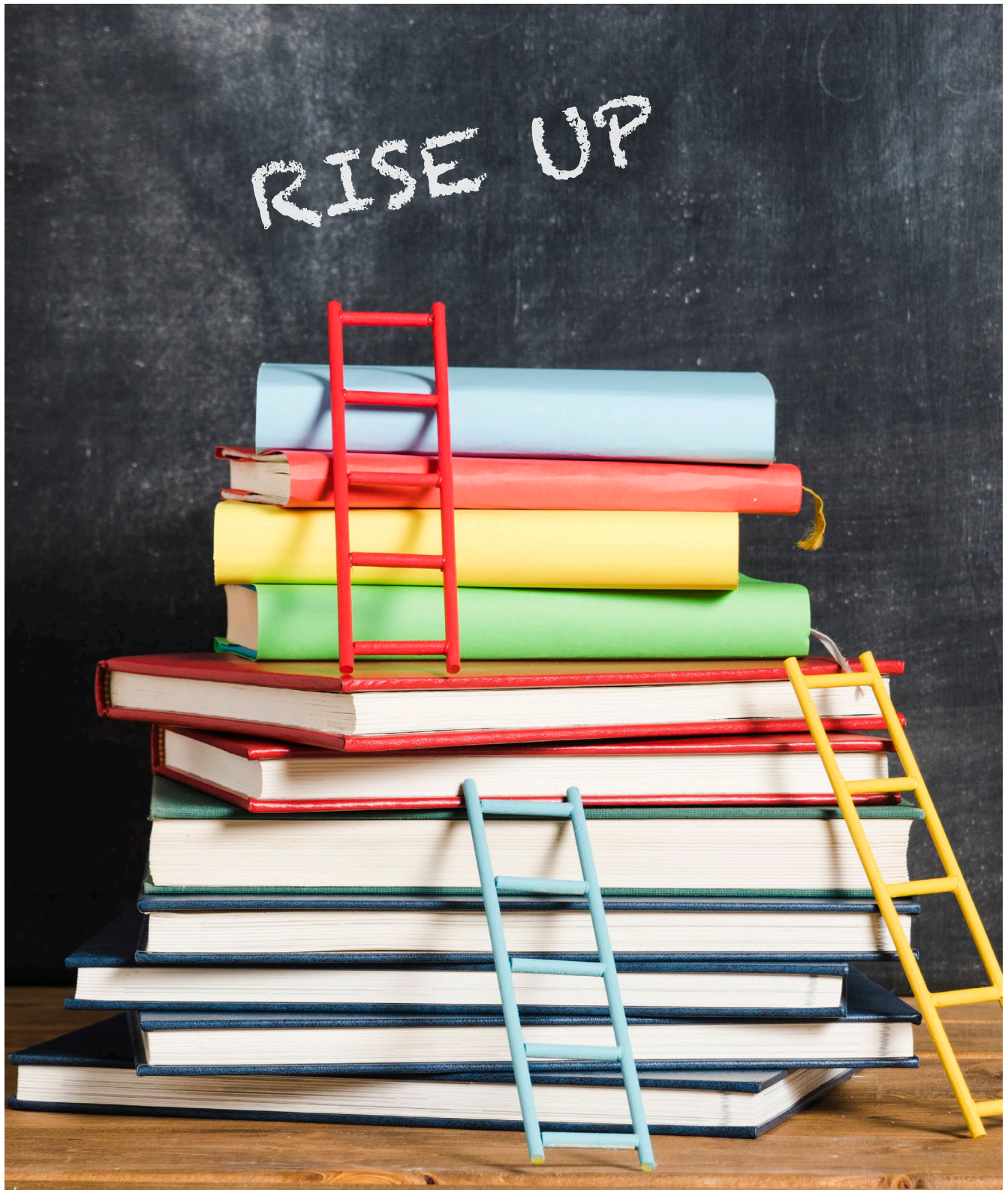
SKILLS

- Critical thinking
- Creative problem solving
- Self-expression
- Logical analysis
- Close reading
- Editing

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TEACHING OF ENGLISH



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TEACHING OF ENGLISH

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This program leads to eligibility for teacher licensure in Virginia, preparing students for a full range of secondary school teaching assignments. The program is accredited by the State of Virginia; in addition, Virginia has licensure reciprocity agreements with thirty other states, should the student leave Virginia. The program combines the usual requirements of a college major and minor. Students take courses in the English department of the College of Arts and Letters and Teaching and Learning department of the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies. Students receive a Bachelor of Arts in English. Students in this program have the option of working toward a Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) certificate through Old Dominion University's English Department to support them in better serving a diverse group of learners in the schools and communities in which they will go on to teach.

CAREERS

- English Teacher
- ESL Teacher
- Literacy Coach
- Community Programs For Youth
- Education Program Director
- Curriculum Writer, Editor
- Academic Advisor

SKILLS

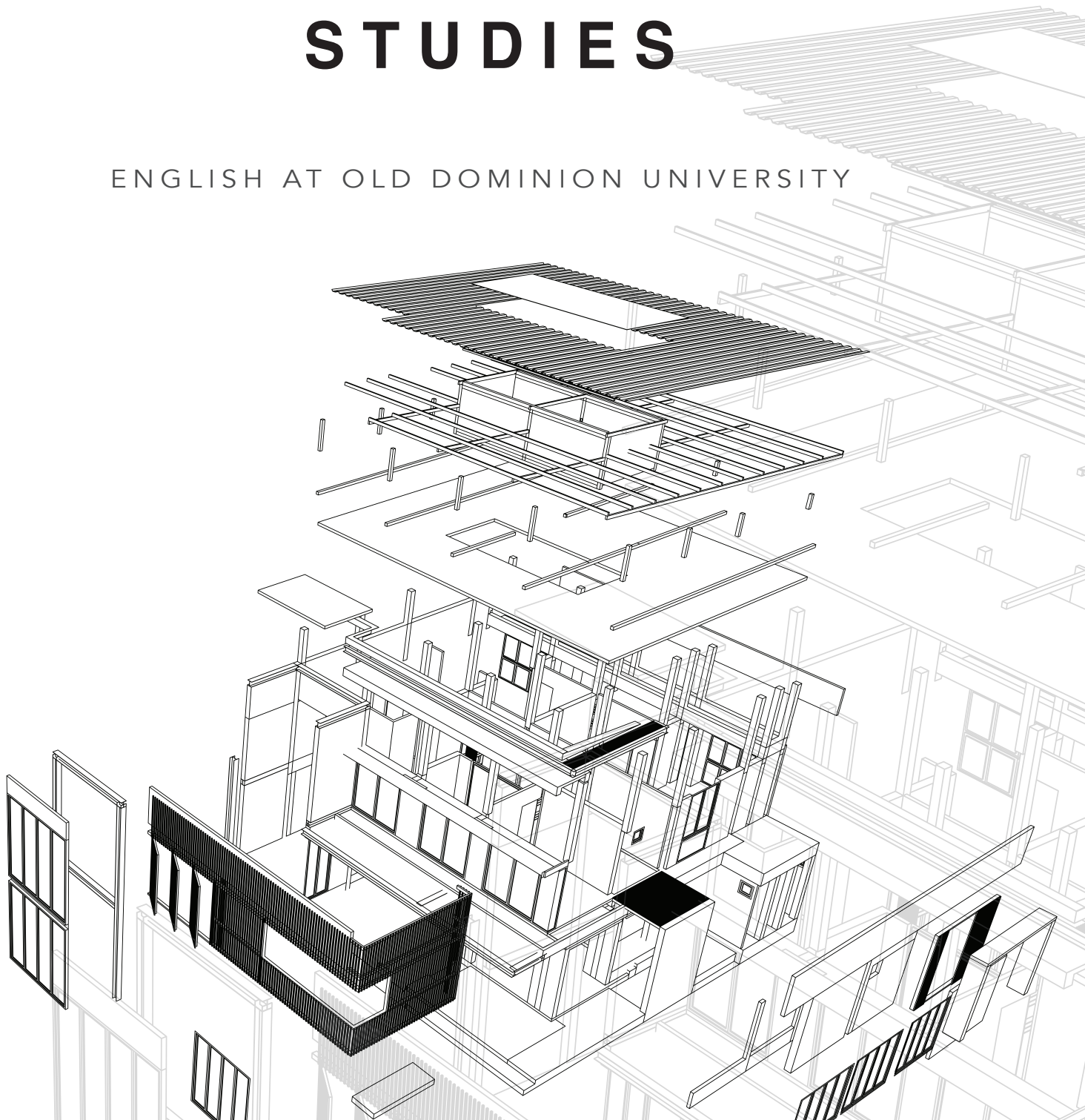
- Analysis & Critique
- Critical thinking
- Reflection
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Innovation

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APPLIED LANGUAGE STUDIES

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The Applied Language Studies (APLS) concentration focuses on the scientific, evidence-based study of language with an emphasis on using linguistics to solve real-world problems. Through the APLS curriculum, students learn the basic structural features that comprise all languages. The English B. A. or English minor with an Applied Language Studies (APLS) emphasis is a “portable” degree, one that is as valuable today as it will be 20 years from now. Because it focuses on applied language in multiple contexts, the APLS emphasis complements other majors in the College of Arts and Letters as well as the Colleges of Business, Engineering, Education, and Sciences and prepares students for success in multiple 21-st century professions and disciplines.

CAREER FIELDS

- Teaching
- Marketing, Branding, and Advertising
- Testing and Assessment
- Language Documentation and Research
- Computer-Mediated Language Learning
- Publishing, Editing, Writing
- Law and Medical Consulting
- Civil and Foreign Service

SKILLS

- Writing
- Research
- Teaching
- Design
- Analysis
- Interpretation
- Evaluation
- Problem Solving

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The Technical Writing emphasis at Old Dominion University provides students with the foundation for solving communication problems in the workplace and beyond. Students learn to articulate complex technical information and develop documents that represent processes and procedures in a manner that is both useful and usable. The documents they produce transcend the written word, engaging with document design and visual communication, as well. Students take a range of courses, blending theory with practice in order to gain a set of marketable skills, experience conducting research, and a theoretical foundation for enhancing workplace practices.

CAREERS

- Communication Specialist
- Technical Writing
- Medical Writing
- Marketing/Public Relations
- Graphic Design
- Grant Writing
- Corporate Training
- Education

SKILLS

- Technical Writing
- Management Writing
- Research methods
- Document Design
- Graphic Design
- Web Design
- Video Production

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Journalism

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GRADUATE SCHOOL

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MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENGLISH



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P R O G R A M S

Master of Arts in English: Tracks include literature, the teaching of English, rhetoric and composition, or professional writing. Each program develops professional competency in literary and textual analysis and in writing. The program prepares students for further graduate study in English; for professional writing and editing; for teaching in secondary schools and colleges; for further study in such fields as anthropology, law, psychology, and philosophy; for careers in government and industry; and for other professions requiring analytical, literary, linguistic, digital media, or writing skills.

Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics: Prepares students to pursue advanced graduate study or to teach in colleges, adult education programs, businesses, private schools, or institutions in the U.S. or abroad. The program's two concentrations are Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and Sociolinguistics. Students in the program may also earn a certificate in TESOL and/or use appropriate courses in the program as requirements toward obtaining the Commonwealth of Virginia Endorsement for English as a Second Language.

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing: Take workshops and craft courses with our dynamic, award-winning faculty who have expertise in American, British, and world literature, as well as literary theory, film studies, and rhetoric. In our 54-hour program, students graduate not only as writers but also as individuals competent in literary studies. Students can study nonfiction, fiction, and poetry and continue on to publish books, stories, and poems in national literary magazines and journals, articles and reviews in major newspapers, prestigious citations, awards, and grants.

Doctor of Philosophy in English: Explore the opportunities offered by our innovative Ph.D. program, which integrates writing, rhetoric, and discourse studies (RWD), technology and media studies (TMS), and literary and cultural studies (LCS). Our courses offer creative reinterpretations of these fields within the discipline of English. We emphasize research on texts and media as they are affected by form, purpose, technology of composition, audience, cultural location, social practices, and communities of discourse. The program provides coursework and research opportunities that appeal to those who are pursuing an academic career as well as to professionals with careers outside the classroom or at another educational institution. Students may elect full- or part-time study, on campus or from a distance. Residency requirements may be met through Summer Doctoral Institutes, which offer hybrid on-line and on-site courses.

Graduate Assistant-ships are available in all programs and offer competitive stipends and teaching and/or research experience.

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