

Exit Portfolio Instructions

When you submit your DARS verification form to your advisor (about one year before graduation), you must also present an exit portfolio to your advisor. It should be a plain manila folder that contains the three items listed below. Whenever possible, include descriptions of the assignments connected to the essays. Essays submitted should be ungraded and unmarked, but each one needs to be labeled to indicate its connection to a particular course. Please do not submit creative papers (poems, short stories, etc.).

→ One research paper from a junior- or senior-level literature course of your choice. You do not need to retype the essay or paper, but you may if you wish. This essay or paper will indicate to reviewers that the department is helping you to meet the following goal: "English majors are familiar with texts drawn from the full diversity of literary periods and genres, written by authors representing the full range of social, ethnic, and national origins that have contributed to the corpus of literature in English."

→ One essay or research paper from ENG 3203 Advanced Grammar and Composition. You do not need to retype the essay or paper, but you may if you wish. This essay or paper will indicate to reviewers that the department is helping you to meet the following goal: "English majors have demonstrated composition skills through directed experience with critical texts and with expository prose and other types of writing."

→ One graded essay or research paper from an upper-level ENG course that shows your critical thinking skills at work. For teacher certification students, you should submit a paper from your ENG 3243 Literary Analysis and Criticism course. You do not need to retype the essay or paper, but you may if you wish. This essay or paper will indicate to the outside reviewer that the department is helping you to meet the following goal: "English majors have mastered critical reading, critical writing, and critical thinking skills."

The purpose of this portfolio is to allow reviewers to assess the department's performance organizationally, not your performance personally. If you have any questions, please see your advisor. This is a requirement for graduation.