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"Literary experience heals the wound, without undermining the privilege of individuality. There are mass emotions which heal the wound; but they destroy the privilege. In them our separate selves are pooled and we sink back in sub-individuality. But in reading great literature I become a thousand myriad eyes, but it is still I who see. Here, as in worship, in love, in moral action, and in knowing, I transcend myself; and am never more myself than when I do."

-- C. S. Lewis

"Literature does not argue, but declaims and insinuates; it is multiform and versatile; it persuades instead of convincing, it carries captive; it appeals to the sense of honor, or to the imagination, or to the stimulus of curiosity; it makes its way by means of gaiety, satire, romance, the beautiful, the pleasurable."

-- John Henry Newman

*"Tell all the Truth but tell it slant—
 Success in Circuit lies
 Too bright for our infirm Delight
 The Truth's superb surprise
 As Lightning to the Children eased
 With explanation kind
 The Truth must dazzle gradually
 Or every man be blind—"*

-- Emily Dickinson

*"The poet's eye, in fine frenzy rolling,
 Doth glance from heaven to earth, from earth to heaven;
 And, as imagination bodies forth
 The forms of things unknown, the poet's pen
 Turns them to shapes, and gives to airy nothing
 A local habitation and a name."*

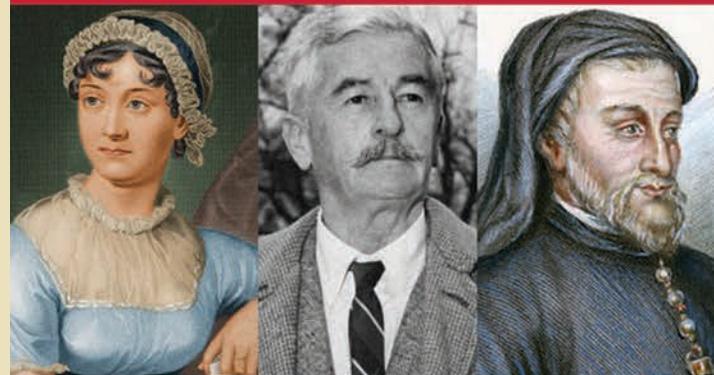
-- William Shakespeare

The University

The University of St. Thomas is truly a Shining Star in the heart of Houston.

- **The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College:** Among 22 U.S. Catholic colleges and universities recommended by the Cardinal Newman Society, and among 28 such institutions worldwide
- **Range of choices:** Degree programs focused on business, sciences, liberal arts and education at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- **Specialty areas:** High acceptance rate in medical and dental schools for Pre-Med and Pre-Dental students
- **Personal instruction:** Average class size of 17
- **Personal approach:** Faculty know students by name
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked 34th among universities offering master's degrees in the Western region by the *U.S. News & World Report* 2013 edition of "America's Best Colleges"
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked by *The Princeton Review* as Best in the West in its Best Colleges: Region by Region online profile found at www.princetonreview.com
- **Study abroad:** The University of St. Thomas periodically ranks among the top 20% of U.S. universities whose students study abroad
- **Catholic tradition:** Houston's only Catholic university, founded by the Basilian Fathers in 1947

English



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“...they spake to me winged words...” ~Odyssey X

English

The English Department at the University of St. Thomas celebrates the capacity of imaginative literature to kindle wonder, to instruct and delight, to depict the complexity and diversity of human experience, and through “concrete universals” to outline the shapes and forms of truth, goodness, and beauty.

The English major and minor build upon the Core Curriculum in English, which offers all undergraduates a writing-intensive introduction to masterworks of narrative, drama and lyric from the classical, medieval, Renaissance, and modern periods. The ensuing course of study for majors, and minors guides students through the major authors and principal texts of English and American literature. This survey of the literary tradition is organized in relation to a sophomore-level “threshold” course (ENGL 3300 *Introduction to Literary Analysis*), a junior-level “bridge” course (ENGL 3341 *Literary Criticism*), and a senior-level “capstone” course (ENGL 4399 *Senior Thesis*).

Every English major will be capable of analyzing literary texts critically through the study of the historical, intellectual, and philosophic backgrounds of the traditional historical periods of English and American literature. English Majors also develop proficiency in interpretive, expository, and analytic writing while exercising essential skills in the mastery of grammar, rhetoric, and logic.

“Throughout the English major I enjoyed the creative writing workshops, literary magazine, and the senior thesis capstone project. The structure of creative writing workshops is very beneficial. You’re not just doing writing assignments and getting a grade, but instead you go through this mentorship experience from your professors and face constructive criticism from professors and peers.”

The magazines Laurels and Thoroughfare allow students to take what they learned in the classroom and apply it. The capstone project not only allows you to have the experience of writing a thesis before potentially attending graduate school, but personally it was the most enjoyable course. It was exciting to create something that demonstrates my personal growth as a writer and a student at UST and present it to professors and peers.”

Janelly Palacios
Class of 2013

In addition to the major with a literature concentration, the Department also offers a major with a writing concentration, together with minors in literature and in creative writing. The English Department sponsors two student magazines, *Laurels* and *Thoroughfare*, both of which offer opportunities for original submissions, as well as creative practice in graphic design, editorial technique, and all the stages of magazine production from concept to printing.

At the University of St. Thomas, we offer degree programs in English that prepare students for careers in many areas, including writing, editing, and publishing. Many of our students also pursue graduate studies in English, literature, creative writing, and law.

Degree Programs

Visit the UST website at www.stthom.edu/english for current information on degree programs.

Majors

- English major with literature concentration (B.A.)
- English major with writing concentration (B.A.)

Minors

- English literature
- Creative writing

Joint Majors

- Communication
- Drama
- Philosophy
- Catholic studies

Student Publications

Biannually the Department of English produces two student-run publications. A literary magazine, *Laurels*, provides publishing opportunities for student writers, graphic artists, illustrators, and photographers by publishing student works of poetry, one-act plays, short fiction, imaginative essays, and visual art.

Thoroughfare, a journal of feature articles and personal or critical essays, gathers submissions by students from any department on campus. Students interested in completing an English major with a writing concentration or a creative writing minor are encouraged to work on these magazines in fulfillment of degree requirements.

Service Learning

Students have opportunities for community service in partial fulfillment of course requirements for two upper level classes offered by the English Department: Literary Magazine and Senior Thesis.

Graduate Study

Students following the traditional scholarly path have been accepted into graduate programs in literature, English, and law at institutions including:

- Oxford University
- University of Chicago
- Louisiana State University
- State University of New York
- University of Vermont
- Catholic University of America
- Rice University
- University of Houston
- Texas A&M University

Writing concentration majors and creative writing minors pursuing graduate creative writing degrees have been accepted into graduate programs at institutions including:

- University of Texas
- University of Florida
- Emerson College
- University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa
- University of Southwestern Louisiana
- University of North Texas

