

**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 2023-2024 academic year should be submitted by the following dates:

- for Fall 2023 graduation, due by **Monday, November 6, 2023**
- for Spring 2024 graduation, due by **Monday, March 25, 2024**
- for Summer 2024 graduation, due by **Monday, May 27, 2024**

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 english@southalabama.edu.