

ENGLISH: LITERATURES TRACK

About the Literatures Track

The English major in the Literatures Track will help you to develop your capacities for critical thinking about the worlds we inhabit, and the ways that literature expresses, resists, and attempts to alter those worlds. Choosing this track means studying with faculty who are passionate about and expert in a wide range of literary genres, techniques, and historical periods. You'll encounter literature from a variety of different cultures and perspectives—some similar to your own and some very different. You'll also gain exposure to various theoretical contexts for interpreting these works. Equally important, the Literatures Track will help you to understand the potentials of language in general and written expression in particular. Indeed, our courses and programs will help you hone your own writing skills as you study, interpret, and practice various modes of written expression. You'll also gain a range of skills crucial to participating in our digital world. Finally, the Literatures Track will teach you a great deal about the possibilities, pleasures, and necessity of human artistic expression as communicated through literature.

Career Opportunities

How can a major in the Literatures Track prepare you for a career? Simply put: very well. Our track helps you to cultivate the skills and competencies that employers actively seek: sharp critical and creative thinking skills, a facility with written and spoken communication in print and digital forms, and an understanding of diversity as it relates to our globalizing world. By giving you insight into the ways that texts reflect and influence the world around them, the Literatures Track equips you with skills and perspectives useful for many careers. Our graduates have gone on to careers in law, business, advertising, publishing, communications, journalism, government, and professional and creative writing, to name only a few.

Typical Course Offerings

In addition to required core courses taken by all English majors, students in the Literatures Track can choose from electives that include, but are not limited to, courses in:

- Classical Mythology in the 20th Century
- Literature and Film
- Asian American, Latina/o, Native American, African, and African American Literatures
- Poetry & Poetics
- Shakespeare
- Modern British Drama

To learn more about current course offerings and English Department faculty teaching and research interests, please visit the WCU English website at:

www.wcupa.edu/academics/sch_cas.eng/

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About West Chester University

A comprehensive, public institution, West Chester University of Pennsylvania offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as certification and certificate programs, in more than 100 subject areas. As the largest member of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

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UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

With a rich heritage dating to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 16,000 graduate and undergraduate students, as well as 1,900 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks. Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor, West Chester

University is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington, Delaware. The campus is convenient to major cultural institutions, recreational activities, and commercial businesses, many of which provide internship opportunities for WCU's students.

Information on Admission

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