LITERARY STUDIES (B.A.)

“DelVal is unique in its hands-on and personal experiences in the classroom. I have gained heaps of inspiration and influence from the professors that instruct me and have made lasting bonds with my fellow students.”
— Kristy Poisson ’15, Study Abroad in Japan

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Department of English offers degrees in literary studies and media and communication. Students have the opportunity to gain relevant professional experiences through academic conferences, internships, university publications, tutoring in the Writing Center and international travel and study abroad. Small class sizes allow students to work closely with each other and with dedicated and talented faculty members. Students in literary studies examine a variety of texts and study literature from many times and places, gaining a more global cultural understanding of the human condition. This degree prepares graduates who are qualified for careers that require good critical thinking, reading, writing and speaking skills. This major prepares students for the professional workplace or further academic study.

Our faculty have worked for nationally published newspapers, published in Cambridge University Press, presented at conferences on topics ranging from composition studies to popular culture, and have helped English department majors and minors to present their work as well. The faculty include playwrights and Bucks County's youngest Poet Laureate. They have received awards from the Mid-Town Manhattan Theater Festival, Stage Door Productions One Act Play Festival, Stage Left Theatre and Dubuque Fine Arts Players.

ABOUT DELVAL

Delaware Valley University, an independent, comprehensive university of more than 1,000 acres in Bucks and Montgomery counties, features individualized attention and emphasizes experiential and interdisciplinary learning. Located in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, DelVal offers more than 25 undergraduate majors, six master’s programs, a doctoral program, and a variety of adult education courses.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

With 100 percent of our students having real-world, hands-on experience, graduates with a degree in literary studies are able to:

• Apply critical thinking skills to any number of careers requiring leadership and problem-solving abilities
• Put their communication skills to work in fields that require strong writing, speaking and listening abilities
• Work in advertising, publishing or other venues where strong writing, editing and social media skills are valued
• Attend graduate school in a number of areas, including English and law

THE EXPERIENCE360 PROGRAM

The Experience360 Program (E360) is central to a DelVal education and embraces a full range of activities and opportunities that give our students well-rounded experiences that can’t be found anywhere else. This approach prepares our students for a life of meaningful work, service and career growth. Integrating knowledge and experience, they’ll be prepared to put their skills into action as globally responsible citizens. One hundred percent of our students will gain real-world competencies through internships, career exploration, student research, study abroad, leadership development, community service or civic engagement.
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#### CURRICULUM

This is a recommended course sequence. It is not a complete course listing and is subject to change.

**Freshman Year**

**First Semester**
- EN 1101 - English I 3 credits
- IT 1011 - Information Technology Concepts 1.5 credits
- IT 1012 - Computer Applications 1.5 credits
- FY 9900 - DelVal Experience I 1 credit
- LA 2012 - Introduction to Sociology 3 credits or
- LA 2036 - Introduction to Psychology 3 credits
- MP 1102 - College Algebra 3 credits or
- MP 1203 - Elementary Functions 3 credits or
- MP 1205 - Finite Mathematics 3 credits
- Science Elective 3 credits
- Total: 17 Credits

**Second Semester**
- EN 1201 - English II 3 credits
- MP 1203 - Elementary Functions 3 credits or
- MP 1204 - Calculus I 4 credits or
- MP 1205 - Finite Mathematics 3 credits
- EN 2134 - Literary Interpretation 3 credits
- FY 9901 - DelVal Experience II 1 credit
- Science Core 3 credits
- Total: 16-17 Credits

**Sophomore Year**

**First Semester**
- BA 2008 - Macroeconomics 3 credits
- EN 2136 - American Literature Before the Civil War 3 credits
- Historical Period Literature Elective 3 credits
- Genre Literature Elective 3 credits
- LA 2005 - Speech 3 credits
- Total: 15 Credits

**Second Semester**
- EN 2238 - American Literature after the Civil War 3 credits
- EN 2138 - World Literature 3 credits
- Humanities Elective 3 credits
- Major Elective 3 credits
- General Elective 3 credits
- Total: 15 Credits

**Junior Year**

**First Semester**
- EN 2310 - British Literature
- EN 3008 - Journalism 3 credits
- Total: 15 Credits

**Second Semester**
- EN 3055 - English Renaissance and Enlightenment Literature 3 credits
- LA 1060 - Introduction to the Fine Arts 3 credits
- LA 2042 - Introduction to Philosophy 3 credits
- Total: 15 Credits

**Senior Year**

**First Semester**
- EN 4010 - Critical Theory 3 credits
- EN 4152 - Seminar (English) 3 credits
- LA 4037 - Non-Western Societies 3 credits
- Total: 15 Credits

**Second Semester**
- EN 3030 - Shakespeare 3 credits
- EN 4152 - Seminar (English) 3 credits
- Total: 15 Credits

**Electives**

**Humanities Electives**
*Required for Literary Studies majors.
- LA 2040 - Modern History of Western Societies 3 credits
- LA 2042 - Introduction to Philosophy 3 credits *
- LA 2138 - The Structure of English Language
- LA 4127 - United States Foreign Policy 3 credits

**Communications Electives**
- EN 3265 - Creative Writing 3 credits
- EN 3056 - Technical Writing 3 credits
- BA 3128 - E-Commerce/Business-to-Business 3 credits
- BA 2017 - Principles of Marketing 3 credits
- BA 4247 - Advertising 3 credits

**Language Study Electives**
*Foreign language courses may also be used as Language Study Electives.*
- EN 2005 - History of the English Language 3 credits
- EN 2010 - Linguistics 3 credits
- EN 2043 - Semantics and Semiotics 3 credits
- EN 2240 - Theory of Writing 3 credits
- EN 2129 - The Structure of English Language

**Literature Electives**
- EN 2238 - American Literature after the Civil War 3 credits
- EN 3021 - Introduction to Film 3 credits
- EN 4050 - English Literature of the 19th and Early 20th Century 3 credits

**Science Electives**
*Take 6 credits of any Biology, Chemistry or Physics courses. Minimum requirement is BY 1115 - Natural Science I and BY 1216 - Natural Science II.*
- 2 General elective credits