

Department of English and Literary Arts
Honors / Departmental Distinction in English Requirements

English and Literary Arts majors who are required to write a thesis for the University Honors Program or who wish to write a thesis for distinction in the major must:

- 1) Earn a GPA of at least 3.5 in the English and Literary Arts major.
- 2) Fill out the Statement of Intent form.

This Statement of Intent form is available on the department's Portfolio site and must be completed by the student in consultation with the student's faculty thesis advisor. (The thesis advisor need not be the student's academic advisor.) This form must be submitted to the Director of Undergraduate Studies in English by the end of Week nine (9) of the spring quarter of the junior year.

- 3) Complete the following courses.

Students who wish to write a critical thesis must complete ENGL 3800: Bibliography & Research (offered in the fall quarter of each year). Students who wish to write a creative thesis must complete at least two (2) Advanced Creative Writing workshops. (Note: Students concentrating in Literary Studies who wish to write a creative thesis must also complete all prerequisites for these Advanced Creative Writing courses.)

- 4) Write a thesis during the Fall and Winter quarters of the senior year.

The thesis may take the form of a 40–50-page research essay or a creative project of a length to be determined by the student and the faculty thesis advisor. Each thesis will be read by the student's faculty thesis advisor and one other English faculty member. (Students are responsible for securing their own thesis advisors and second readers.) Written reports and recommendations for distinction from both readers will be returned to the student by week six (6) of the spring quarter of the senior year.

- 5) Submit a final copy of the thesis with all required revisions and corrections to the Director of Undergraduate Studies in English by week nine (9) of the spring quarter of the senior or final year.

Please contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies (Graham.Foust@du.edu) with any questions.