

The Writing Major Portfolio

All writing majors will turn in a portfolio that demonstrates their growth and proficiency in rhetoric and writing as well as one of their elective areas. The portfolio must be received by the major advisor two weeks before the student's graduation date. The portfolio will be assessed faculty in the Department of Writing. Students must turn in the reflective essay in order for their portfolios to be accepted.

1. Portfolios are required in order for the student to graduate but graduating is not contingent upon the score of the portfolio.
2. Rhetoric and Writing—two projects or papers
Students will provide a project or paper from two different rhetoric and writing courses (WRTG 3301, 3305, 3310, 3315, 3340, 4305, 4320 or 4381; SPCH 3312 or 4311).
3. Linguistics—one project, paper or problem set
Students will provide a project, paper or problem set from an upper-division course in linguistics. If no upper-division course was taken in linguistics, then the student will turn in an additional project or paper from a third rhetoric and writing course from the list of courses above.
4. Creative Writing—four pieces
Students will turn in one piece of original creative writing from any forms course and one piece of original creative writing from any other creative writing course in a different genre. The student will also turn in one critique from a class in which critiques were required, and a response paper, talking points or review essay from a class in which such work was required. If the student did not take a course which allows them to complete these requirements, the student must include a statement explaining this is why the pieces are missing and include a list of all creative writing courses taken for the major.
5. Reflective Essay
Students will write a 4-6 page reflective essay on their experience as a writing major. This essay should address how the student's experience in creative writing courses, linguistics courses, and rhetoric and writing courses has transformed the student as a writer.