

ENG 218: Writing about Literature

Advanced writing course focusing on the intersection of literature and rhetorical studies to discover the rhetoric of a particular genre, sub-genre or theme. Practice and study of selected literary and non-literary texts. Although the subject matter is literature, the course's main concern is writing. Students will learn how to write about literature, as well as how to respond to and write about all sorts of texts-- literary and nonliterary, verbal and nonverbal. Throughout this course, students will:

- significantly improve their analytical prose writing;
- understand and effectively employ various forms of persuasion as it pertains to literature;
- understand and deploy effective rhetorical strategies in analytical discourse;
- discover and evaluate the methods of persuasion used in the construction of literary texts;
- read critically and analyze rhetorically writings and use those lenses to frame their own discourses;
- write in the different forms and styles of a non-fiction prose discourse; and
- develop techniques for conducting research on the Internet and with other electronic databases.