

## **Fall 2019 Course Descriptions**

**Instructor:** Dr. Robert Griffin

**Course:** ENGL 303

**Title:** Introduction to the Major: Ways of Reading

**Description:** This course is an introduction to English Studies for majors. We will become acquainted with some of many different methodologies professional scholars use to read, discuss, and write about literature and other cultural texts. In this particular course, we begin with formal approaches to learn the basic tools of analysis, and then move to various contexts that shape the way we read and write about texts. Apart from what is written in a book, a book as also an object is part of a field of information. We will learn to read literature, but also to read the way the world permeates all texts.

**Proposed Readings:** Poetry by Milton, Shelley, Keats, and others; Novels by Defoe, Austen, and James Weldon Johnson; Criticism that exemplifies both formal and historical-cultural approaches, and digital humanities.