Major Requirements:

The English Department Portfolio Project

As you prepare for graduation, the Portfolio Project provides an opportunity for you to review your best critical work. In addition, this material enables the English Department to conduct better self-assessment and planning.

When you apply for graduation, please email the English Department (english@southalabama.edu) ***so that you can be added to our Canvas Portfolio Module.*** We will notify you when you can access the module and upload your materials.

Portfolios for the 2026-2027 academic year should be completed in the Canvas Module by the following dates:

- Fall 2026 graduation, due by **Monday Nov. 2, 2026**
- Spring 2027 graduation, due by **Monday March 29, 2027**
- Summer 2027 graduation, due by **Monday May 24, 2027**

All English majors, regardless of concentration, are required to submit two critical essays from upper-level (300- or 400-level) courses. In the Canvas Portfolio Module, you will also be asked to write a brief reflection and to complete a short survey about your experiences as an English major.

The ideal kinds of essays for our purposes are those in which you perform a researched reading of a literary text. In any case, choose two essays that:

- Include **close-readings** of primary texts,
- Show evidence of **research,** including the use of secondary sources,
- Demonstrate familiarity with **theory or criticism**, and
- Represent your **best, most substantive** critical work.

Please be sure that both papers include the course title and number, and your instructor's name. Please *remove your name* from all pages of the essays.