

Attention: Rising Seniors

Need a practical one-hour elective for next fall?

If so, consider enrolling in EN 4111, “Portfolios and Reflective Writing.”

- **Meeting time: Tuesday, 5:30-6:20**
- **Professor: Rich Raymond**

The reading and writing assignments in this course will help you to “reflect” on your progress as a student of literature and on your future as a professional.

Specifically, you will write

- **Responses to theorists**—in rhetoric and composition and in literature—who have written about the value of portfolios and reflective writing for those who want to understand and sustain their growth as writers.
- **A portfolio.** The portfolio will include five essays you have already written as an English major at MSU; it will also include the centerpiece of the portfolio, **the reflective essay**. This ‘close reading’ of your five selections will assess the strengths of each paper and the practices—in reading, researching, drafting, and revising—that led to each completed work. *You may submit this same portfolio to be included in the department’s assessment program.*
- **An application letter/resume.** This project will also help you to prepare for what follows the application letter and resume: the face-to-face interview, either with employers or with directors of graduate programs.

Note: This one-hour course will be an elective in fall 2010 and fall 2011. In the fall semester of 2012, it will be a requirement for all English majors.