

-EN 3414-

# Critical Writing and Research in Literary Studies

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T/Th 9:30-10:45am, W 2-2:50pm



This course will introduce English majors to the skills and strategies needed to write effective arguments within the discipline of English Studies. In order to meet this goal, we will spend time discussing not only how to write papers on literature but also how to practice close reading. Additionally, we will work on developing analytical reading and research skills, including how to gather research, assess that information, and make claims that respond to scholarly debates within the field. Finally, EN 3414 will offer students an introduction to literary and critical theory. Students should be prepared to complete various types of assignments including brief close reading exercises and a longer essay with multiple drafts.

**Texts:** Bronte, *Jane Eyre*; Gardner, *Reading and Writing about Literature*; Gibaldi, *The MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*; Graff, *They Say, I Say*; Vendler, *Poems, Poets, Poetry*.