

## English 3414: General Introduction to Research Methods and Materials in Language and Literature

MWF 9- 9:50am

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English 3414 involves learning how to become scholars in the English major. We will spend time learning to become critical readers, better writers, and proficient researchers. This course should allow you the space to survey approaches to texts, become familiar with the wide range of sources available for information about texts, and the opportunities to ask questions and to practice writing that will be expected of you as declared English majors. In short, we will learn how information in the discipline of English is *created*, *studied*, and *researched*.

This class will examine the practices and philosophies of writing and research for English majors in the twenty first century. You will have opportunities to choose your own object of inquiry (this may be a poem, a person, a piece of literature, a historical moment, or a method of literary analysis); explore various ways to learn about topics English majors will be asked to research; consider the ways in which language, culture, and information shape how we know what we know as English majors.