English 1111: Introduction to English Studies

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Catalogue Description

One hour lecture required for English majors: a survey of the profession, including disciplinary assumptions, research processes, sub-fields, and career opportunities.

Why an Introduction to English Studies?

Wondering how to answer the question: “What are you going to do with an English Major?” This course will help you answer this question and it will also help you strength your written and rhetorical communication. In addition to providing an introduction to the field of English Studies, campus resources, and introducing you to the opportunities Mississippi State offers for its English majors, this course will also introduce you to the exciting possibilities available post-graduation for English majors and how to plan for success. Class will be visited by a variety of scholars who will help you better understand the diverse field that is English studies and possibilities for graduate study. Class will also be visited by professionals who will explain their journeys from English majors to…lawyers, teachers, librarians, research associates, and professional writers, as examples.

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