

Portfolio Requirements

Senior Portfolio (1/8/08)

Purpose: The purpose of the Senior Portfolio is to assess students' progress in the program and to confirm satisfactory understanding and application of fundamental skills in reading, critical thinking, literary analysis, and academic writing commensurate with successful pursuit of a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Augusta State University.

Requirements: The Senior Portfolio must be submitted at the end of the semester prior to the semester of graduation (e.g. by the end of the Fall semester for students planning to graduate in the Spring).

The Senior portfolio must include:

1. Portfolio Introduction, 500-750 words in length, explaining why the papers included in the portfolio represent the student's best written work and how the student's work has evolved since ENGL 2250
2. the *unaltered* formal research paper from ENGL 2250 which was included in the Junior Portfolio as a benchmark of the student's skills upon introduction to the English major
3. a paper from the Junior Portfolio, either the research paper or the analytical paper, which has been *substantially revised* according to the plan outlined in the Statement of Revision
4. an analytical paper not less than 1200 words, either revised from the Junior Portfolio or written during the student's senior year
5. a substantial research paper, 2,000-3,000 words in length, *written during the student's senior year*

Papers revised from the Junior Portfolio must also include the original draft of the paper (preferably with the course professor's comments) and the Statement of Revision submitted with the Junior Portfolio.

All of the included papers (except the unaltered ENGL 2250 paper) must demonstrate competency in literary research, critical analysis, and MLA documentation, as well as excellent control of grammar and mechanics.

Senior Portfolio Checklist

A Senior Portfolio must include all of the following items:

- a "Portfolio Introduction," 500-750 words in length
- the research paper from ENGL 2250 (unaltered) submitted with the Junior Portfolio
- a *substantially revised* paper from the Junior Portfolio, accompanied by:
 - the original draft submitted as coursework
 - the "Statement of Revision" submitted with the Junior Portfolio
- an analytical paper, not less than 1200 words, *either* written during the student's senior year *or* substantially revised from the Junior Portfolio. *If the latter, please also include:*
 - the original draft submitted as coursework*
 - the "Statement of Revision" submitted with the Junior Portfolio*
- a substantial research paper, 2,000-3,000 words in length, *written during the student's senior year*