PORTFOLIO FOR GENERAL ENGLISH MAJORS

As an English major you are required to maintain a portfolio of papers written in English courses throughout your academic career at the University of Michigan-Flint. We strongly encourage you to actively develop your portfolio along the way, collecting possible pieces for inclusion each semester. Your faculty advisor, in addition to helping you organize your program of study, will advise you in compiling your portfolio. **You must submit your complete portfolio, along with this form signed by you and your advisor, in order to graduate.** The English Department uses this portfolio to assess the effectiveness of its programs, not to assess you as an individual student.

Your portfolio should contain:

1. A **Table of Contents** that includes the **title** of each paper, the **course name and number** for which it was written, and the **semester** during which it was written.

2. A **Reflective Essay** (2-4 typed pages long) that:
   a. reflects upon what you learned from the English Program
   b. assesses your own writing and reading abilities over the course of your program
   c. discusses your future plans and/or goals and how the English major may influence them

3. Three papers that include  
   **(note: You may use a single paper to demonstrate more than one of the skills below)**
   a. At least one paper that demonstrates your ability to write a sustained argument in standard academic English
   b. At least one paper that demonstrates your understanding of the skills and vocabulary of literary analysis including close reading
   c. At least one paper that demonstrates your awareness of the historical, social or cultural context of literature (its relationship to historical movements, racial or gender issues, definitions of sexuality, literary debates, etc)
   d. At least one paper that integrates and documents sources outside of the primary text
   e. Your ENG 400 seminar paper

**Guidelines for portfolio papers:**

- Use ONLY papers written for English (or English-cross listed) courses at UM-Flint
- Use no more than one paper from a single course
- Include the assignment sheet whenever possible

Your work will be anonymous for the purposes of department assessment. Please provide a clean copy of each paper **without your name, instructor comments, or grades.**

The English Department will maintain portfolios five years after you graduate. Thank you for your participation in our efforts to assess the effectiveness of our program.

**I understand the policy outlined above:**

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