PORTFOLIO FOR ENGLISH MAJORS WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN LINGUISTICS

As an English major you are required to maintain a portfolio of assignments for English and Linguistics 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. (In other words, you will not receive a grade for the portfolio.)

Your portfolio is due by the end of final exams in your final semester.

Your portfolio should contain:

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

2. A reflective essay (1000-1500 words) that reflects on:
   a. what you learned from participating in active learning and/or civic engagement projects (in linguistics courses)
   b. how your understanding of linguistic variation and/or language change supported your understanding of literature
   c. how knowledge of linguistics (such as mental processes, language variation and change) applies to the real world
   d. your experiences in the English/Linguistics program
   e. your future plans and/or goals and how the major may influence them

3. Three to five assignments that include:
   a. One problem set (e.g. from LIN 200 or LIN 346)
   b. One linguistics project or paper (if available)
   c. One paper from a pre-1800 literature course
   d. One paper from an ethnic, global or women’s literature course
   e. Optional fifth assignment

Choose papers that demonstrate the following skills.
(Note: You may use a single paper to demonstrate more than one of the skills below.)

• Ability to write a sustained argument in standard academic English
• Understanding of the theory and vocabulary of literary analysis
• Understanding of the theory and vocabulary of linguistic analysis
• Integration and documentation of sources outside of the primary text

Guidelines for portfolio assignments:
• Use ONLY papers written for fulfilling the English/Linguistics major 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.

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