

Introduction to Poetry (ENG 240)

The study of poetry written in English, with emphasis on its forms and distinctive characteristics. Students will develop their ability to analyze literary texts and to write persuasive essays about them. Particular attention will be paid to understanding some principal genres of poetry. The course will include poets, both women and men, from several different historical periods in which English verse has been composed, and poets from the diverse national/ethnic groups who have written in English. To place English poetry in the context of world literature, some poems composed in other languages will be read in translation. This course introduces English majors to research and critical techniques needed for the baccalaureate study of literature.

May fulfill Writing, Arts & Humanities, and Writing Across the Curriculum GenEd requirement. Please see an advisor.