Facilities for Graduate Work

Facilities for graduate work include an excellent library system and a world-renowned research library, the Harry Ransom Center. The Ransom Center provides materials for critical, textual, and bibliographical studies, with its extensive holdings in earlier British literature (including the Pforzheimer Library), modern British and American literature, theatre arts, photography, and other significant subjects for literary and cultural research. The Benson Latin American Collection is one of many campus resources for advanced work in non-European literature and language. The Department of Rhetoric and Writing offers rich opportunities for teaching and study; and the Digital Writing and Research Laboratory enjoys a national reputation for investigating the intersections among technology, language, and literature.

Areas of Study

Courses are offered in the following areas of study: American literature to 1900; 20th and 21st-century American literature; African American and African Diaspora literature; Mexican American and Latinx literature; U.S. race and ethnic studies; archival studies; comparative literature; film and media studies; literary and critical theory; medieval literary studies; Renaissance literature; 18th-century British literature; 19th-century British literature; modern British and Irish literature; modernist studies; global anglophone literature; book history and bibliography and textual studies; digital literacies and literatures; drama, theatre, and performance; ethnic and Third-World literature; language and linguistics; literature and the environment; disability studies and health humanities; poetry and poetics; popular culture and cultural studies; rhetoric; feminist and LGBTQ studies; and women's literature.

The department also offers workshops in poetry and fiction for students enrolled in the MFA program, as well as craft seminars in fiction, poetry, and creative non-fiction.

Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2023 semester.