



## *English Department Mission Statement*

**Recognizing that the study of literature fosters creative and critical thinking abilities, promotes multiculturalism and tolerance in a globalized world, and fosters understanding of cultural, historical, ethical, aesthetic, and linguistic forces that shape our lives, the mission of the English Department is to encourage intellectual independence through the close reading of texts, performing texts, identifying historical and theoretical texts—all strategies of reading that find their parallels in creative, persuasive, expository, descriptive, and technical writing.**