

Department of English

GRADUATE STUDIES



Why an MA or PhD in English at Case Western Reserve University?

Flexibility. The department's small and selective cohorts (6-10 students per entering class) can devise customized sequences to prepare themselves for a diverse and multi-disciplinary academic market. Graduate students at Case Western Reserve choose from courses in British and American literature, writing history and theory, and writing pedagogies, and capitalize upon faculty research strengths in cultures of authorship and exhibition, and medicine, language and literature.

Innovation. Student dissertation projects range from the language of dress in late 19th-century fiction to the history of computers and composition; from legal notions of property and propriety in the 20th-century British novel to first-person narratives of bipolar disorder; from the erotic figurations of Early Modern Satire to contemporary discourses of autothanatography; and from colonial forms of pedagogy and literacy to the 20th-century short-story renaissance in the U.S.

Leadership. Our graduate students serve as HASTAC Scholars, section coordinators for the College English Association, and editorial assistants for international journals. Our distinguished faculty members have published more than a dozen books in the past five years and hold professional positions with journals and organizations from *Contemporary Literature* to the International Society for the History and Theory of Intellectual Property.

Engagement. The department hosted the 2010 conference of the International Society for the Study of Narrative and will welcome to Cleveland the 2012 meeting of the Emily Dickinson Society. The Center for the Study of Writing, housed in the department, sponsors an annual Writing Week that includes a lecture in disciplinary writing.

Our programs prepare students for academic careers at colleges and universities and for work in closely related fields. We offer:

- Full funding packages, including tuition and stipends, for all full-time students
- Student-to-faculty ratios of 1:1 (PhD) and 1:3 (MA)
- Support for conference and research travel
- A comprehensive program of professional development workshops and seminars
- Extensive teaching training and diverse instructional opportunities (1-1 teaching load)
- Active English Graduate Student Association and regular research colloquia
- Excellent placement rates for doctoral graduates seeking academic jobs:
 - 100 percent placement in full-time teaching (2002-2011)
 - 75 percent placement in tenure-track and equivalent permanent positions (2007-2011)
- A strong record of preparing MA students for doctoral programs and non-academic employment

Resources and Facilities

The department is located in the heart of University Circle, Cleveland's richest concentration of cultural institutions. Faculty and graduate student research interests intersect at many points with Cleveland institutions, including the Dittrick Medical History Center, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Cleveland Botanical Garden, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, the Western Reserve Historical Society, the Cleveland Psychoanalytic Association, the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo and the Cleveland Play House. Relationships also exist with Case Western Reserve's theater and art history departments, and the School of Law.

Kelvin Smith Library is the primary research library for humanities at Case Western Reserve. Its holdings include more than 2 million volumes, 70,000 serial subscriptions, 2 million microform items, 137,000 audiovisual materials, and 13,500 linear feet of manuscripts and archives. KSL's Special Collections comprise, among other holdings, the History of the Book collection and the Haskell Collection of Illustrated Victorian Literature. KSL's holdings are augmented by OhioLink, a consortium of 89 institutions that offer 12 million unique items for loan, along with 14,000 electronic journals and 62,000 electronic books.



Living in Cleveland

CWRU's 155-acre campus borders the Little Italy neighborhood, and is adjacent to the world-renowned University Hospitals and Cleveland Clinic. Extensive public transportation connects the university to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and to downtown Cleveland. Cleveland's cost of living is low relative to national averages, and high-quality, attractive housing in close proximity to the university is abundant.

For More Information

Visit cwru.edu/artsci/engl/GradProgram.

Or contact Kurt Koenigsberger, director of graduate studies, at kmk25@cwru.edu or 216.368.6994.

The department accepts applications for fall semester only. Deadline to be considered for teaching assistantships is January 15.

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