

WILLIAM G.
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HONORS PROGRAM
IN
ENGLISH



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The Cooper Honors Program offers a variety of enhanced learning opportunities to English majors at UALR. The Program curriculum includes an honors seminar, a tutorial, and an extended writing project. In these courses, students work closely with faculty members on topics of the students' choice. The Program promotes independent study supported by individualized attention.

Program Highlights

Seminars: Small class size. Active student participation. Special topics.

Tutorials: Student-generated research. Individual work with faculty.

Writing Projects: Projects in literary criticism or creative writing. Individual guidance from faculty.

Stipends: Awarded annually on a competitive basis. \$1300 per semester.

Assistantships: Work with faculty on their research. Earn as much as \$600 per semester.

Speakers: The Cooper Honors Lecture Series features 4-6 speakers a year. Visiting critics support the Cooper seminars. Nationally known poets, novelists, short story writers, and memoirists read from their work and conduct question and answer sessions. Featured critics have included Sharon Harris, Stanley Fish, and John Rumrich. Featured writers have included Tim O'Brien, Ha Jin, Denise Duhamel, Mark Doty, and James Tate.

The Cooper Computer Lab: Located in the English Department offices. It is equipped with six computers, all with T1 internet connection for fast internet access.

Program Requirements

Enrollment in Cooper Seminars is open to all students on a space-available basis, with preference given to English majors.

All students must take at least one Cooper Honors Seminar and complete an Honors Tutorial and Writing Project working with a faculty mentor.

Those graduating with Cooper Honors in English must be English majors and have a 3.25 GPA overall, with a 3.5 in English.

For More Information

Call the UALR English Department at 501.569.3161.

Or email the Director via the link at the English Department website.

THE COOPER ENDOWMENT

In 1965, the family of Dr. William G. Cooper, Jr., donated \$250,000.00 to then Little Rock University in recognition of Dr. Cooper's service to public education and the University.

The gift came from Mrs. David W. Gaiser, Dr. Cooper's sister, and Mrs. Gaiser's son and daughter, George F. Jewett, Jr., and Mrs. W.H. Greer, Jr.

Dr. Cooper, a long-time resident of Little Rock, served on the LRU Junior College Board, UALR's predecessor, from 1950 to 1958 and from 1960 to 1965. He served several terms as president of the LRJC board.

His service to public education included membership on the Little Rock School Board from 1950 to 1958. He was board president from 1953 to 1958.

The gift, administered by the Endowment Fund Trustees, is known as the William Grant Cooper, Jr., Endowment Fund.

Initially the endowment was used to establish the William Grant Cooper, Jr., Chair of English, held until 1985 by Dr. Ralph D. Eberly. For several years, the endowment supported a Visiting Professorship in English.

In 1996, the Cooper family endorsed the transfer of the endowment to a newly created honors program in English, the William G. Cooper, Jr., Honors Program in English.

PAST HONORS SEMINARS

Lyric Poetry

The Major Poetry of John Milton

The Alternative American Canon

Three Women Poets: Anne Bradstreet,
Phillis Wheatley and Emily Dickinson

Poetry of Bob Dylan

Apocalypse and Millennium

Herman Melville and Nathaniel Hawthorne

How to Read a Poem

Shakespeare's Sonnets

Dickens Studies

Virginia Woolf

William Blake

Milton

Cooper Honors Seminars are generally limited to 10 students and allow the students ample opportunity for close study of the texts, as well as for research and presentations.

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