

DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE, JOURNALISM, WRITING, AND LANGUAGES

Mission Statement

Embodying the core values of a Christian liberal arts education in the Wesleyan theological tradition, and focusing on the power of language and story to shape us and our world, the LJWL department and programs will provide students with knowledge, skills, and experiences to equip them to understand, interpret, analyze, evaluate, and create texts as artistic and/or linguistic expressions of diverse human experiences. We value reading, writing, researching, speaking, and discussing as profound means of participating in the redemptive story God is telling through all of creation.

Purposes

To enable students to

- critically read and interpret texts through close reading and literary analysis.
- thoughtfully engage with diverse cultures through reading and discussing texts.
- understand the nature, structure, and history of language.
- conduct effective research and produce effective written and oral communication in various genres and media.
- deepen their redemptive social and spiritual engagement with the world through studying languages, texts, and media.

Tradition of Excellence

The Department of Literature, Journalism, Writing, and Languages invites students to enter into the “republic of letters” to become students of the basic component of human interaction: language and story. The department is committed to helping students learn how to communicate their ideas effectively through the analysis and study of the written word as used in a breadth of literature – classical and modern, British and American, European, and a wide variety of other western and non-western literatures. The faculty offer different approaches to the subject matter due to their different educational backgrounds. Professors of the department have distinguished themselves by having work published in *Great Lives*, *Great Events – The Seventeenth Century*, *Great Lives – The Eighteenth Century*, *Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism*, *Brontë Studies*, *The Ben Jonson Journal*, *The Literary Encyclopedia*, *English Today: The International Review of the English Language, Religion and Literature*, *Literature and Belief*, *Christianity and Literature*, *Profession*, *Journal on African Literature: Tydskrif vir leterkunde*, *Contemporary French and Francophone Studies*, *Nineteenth Century French Studies*, *La Corónica*, *The Princeton University Library Chronicle*, *The New York Times*, *Christianity Today*, *Relevant Magazine*, *Sojourners*, *The Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, and *Christian Feminism Today*. Faculty members have also published books and poetry collections. They have given lectures and submitted papers at such places as the University of London, the University of Hull, the University of Leeds, Charles University, Prague, UCLA, Princeton University, The International Shakespeare Conference, Stratford, and the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in Madrid, Spain, and the Modern Languages Association. Department faculty have also received major national grants including several from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the

Fulbright Fellowship Grant, the Templeton Foundation, and the Del Amo Foundation.

Career Opportunities

Graduates from the Department of Literature, Journalism, Writing, and Languages are accepted into some of the finest graduate schools in the country. In addition to careers in law, education, journalism, publishing, law enforcement and public relations, graduates from our department are active in a variety of business fields, in theological study and church ministry, in work with NGOs and the National Park Service, and in overseas teaching. Internship programs with local news organizations create contacts and experience for our students to gain employment in technical writing, business writing, copy writing and editing, and news reporting.

Au Sable Environmental Field Studies Program

Summer field courses in environmental biology are offered by the Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies, a Christian organization providing field-based classes that emphasize environmental stewardship at over 50 participating Christian colleges and universities. Courses are offered during a 3-week May term and two 5-week summer sessions from May to early August. May term students take one course (4 units) at the Great Lakes or Costa Rica campus; Summer Session students take 2 courses (8 units) at the Great Lakes campus (summer session I and II) or Pacific Rim campus (summer session II). All courses transfer in as upper-division electives for the Environmental Science¹ B.S., Biology B.S./B.A., Environmental Studies B.A. majors, and for the Environmental Biology and Sustainability Studies minors. Financial aid is available through Au Sable. Point Loma Nazarene University is a Sustaining Partner with Au Sable, which means that PLNU students are eligible for additional financial aid and access to high-demand courses. Interested students should contact both the Study Abroad Office and the Au Sable campus rep (Dr. Mike Mooring) for further information and to start your application. To see the course offerings, go to www.ausable.org/college (<http://www.ausable.org/college/>).

¹ An off-campus field-based program like Au Sable is a requirement for Environmental Science majors.

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To view requirements for majors, minors, and certificates, see the Degree Program Information (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/degree-program-information/>) page.

- Sustainability Studies Minor (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/sustainability-studies-minor/>)
- Women's Studies Minor (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/womens-studies-minor/>)
- Writing Minor (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/writing-minor/>)
- French Language Certificate (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/french-language-certificate/>)
- Spanish Language Certificate (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/spanish-language-certificate/>)

MA in Writing

Students interested in pursuing a Master of Arts in Writing (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/grad-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/writing-ma/>) degree can find information in our Graduate Catalog.

- English, B.A. (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/english-ba/>)
- Environmental Studies, B.A. (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/environmental-studies-ba/>)
- French, B.A. (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/french-ba/>)
- Multimedia Journalism, B.A. (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/multimedia-journalism-ba/>)
- Spanish, B.A. (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/spanish-ba/>)
- Cinema Studies Minor (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/cinema-studies-minor/>)
- French Minor (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/french-minor/>)
- Literature Minor (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/literature-minor/>)
- Multimedia Journalism Minor (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/multimedia-journalism-minor/>)
- Public Relations Minor (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/public-relations-minor/>)
- Spanish Minor (<https://pointloma-public.courseleaf.com/prior-catalogs/2024-2025/tug-catalog/colleges-schools-departments/cah/ljwl/spanish-minor/>)