

Departmental Honors in English Ball State University

Students who excel in their English major studies may elect to participate in a departmental honors program. Those students who fulfill the specified requirements will earn the distinction of graduating with “Departmental Honors in English,” which will be recorded on their official transcripts, noted in the records of the English Department and the Honors College, and printed in the University’s Commencement Program.

The requirements for Departmental Honors in English include the following:

1. The student must earn an English major GPA of 3.8 or higher.
2. The student must submit a portfolio to the Academic Honors in Writing competition, which will be evaluated at the department level to determine whether the student will be awarded the Honors in English distinction.

The procedures for establishing Departmental Honors credit include the following:

1. The Director of Creative Writing in English will notify all qualified students that they are eligible for Academic Honors in Writing when directed to do so by the Honors College. That notification will further explain that students with a 3.8 departmental GPA or higher who submit portfolios will automatically be considered for Departmental Honors.
2. The Director of Creative Writing in English will sort Academic Honors in Writing portfolio submissions so that readers will know which are to be considered simultaneously for Departmental Honors.
3. The Director of Creative Writing in English will appoint a review committee from among members of the department’s tenure-track faculty to make judgments about submitted portfolios for the Academic Honors in Writing competition and Departmental Honors.
4. The Director of Creative Writing in English will notify qualifying students that their work has been selected for Academic Honors in Writing and/or Departmental Honors. That person will also notify the department chairperson and the Honors College of those selections.