The Doctor of Arts (D.A.) in English at St. John’s University combines advanced study in literary, cultural and writing studies with preparation for teaching. We offer courses and research opportunities with outstanding faculty in traditional and emerging fields of literature, cultural studies, critical theory, writing and composition studies. We also emphasize the theory and practice of pedagogy, especially writing pedagogy, to prepare students for English and interdisciplinary college teaching.

The St. John’s English D.A. program is designed for full-time graduate students and professional educators, administrators and writers who want to pursue a doctoral degree part-time. Full-time students can complete the degree in roughly five years: two years of course work, followed by approximately three years completing the comprehensive exams and dissertation. Part-time students can proceed more gradually toward completion of the degree.

The D.A. program at St. John’s emphasizes the interrelatedness of pedagogy, theory, writing and literary and cultural studies. The opportunities for advanced research are equivalent to those of English Ph.D. programs, but the English D.A. program is distinguished by its integration of research and writing with pedagogical practice. With the 2006 opening of the Institute for Writing Studies, the D.A. program at St. John’s features a state-of-the-art environment for professional training and development in writing instruction. Most recent graduates of the D.A. program are faculty at colleges and universities, teaching at a wide variety of local and national institutions. Other graduates have positions in publishing, editing, public relations and administration in secondary and higher education.

I welcome you to the thriving intellectual community we have built in the Department of English at St. John’s University. Our greatest asset as a department is our hybrid intellectual culture. We encourage our students to explore and discover connections between diverse parts of the academic and teaching life. At St. John’s you’ll find critical theorists examining Writing Center practices and creative writers wrestling with Shakespeare. We believe that educating our students in multiple practices as writers, teachers and researchers will produce vibrant graduates who are well prepared to enter the challenging and changing landscapes of higher education and creative culture.

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We are especially proud of the active intellectual life our program sponsors. There are regular lectures and readings by renowned scholars and writers sponsored by the Department of English and the Institute for Writing Studies. We host frequent faculty and student colloquia and film series. English graduate students can also become involved with two publications sponsored by the department: The St. John’s Humanities Review, which features essays, interviews and book reviews by contributors from St. John’s and other universities, and Sequoya, a student journal of the literary and visual arts. For descriptions of recent department events, as well as student and faculty achievements, see our newsletter and blog: www.stjenglish.com.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Doctoral Fellowships and University Doctor of Arts Fellowships are available on a competitive basis through the English Department and the Institute for Writing Studies. Full-time D.A. students are eligible for doctoral fellowships, which provide a stipend and tuition waiver and require teaching one course per semester or the equivalent time tutoring in the Writing Center. Part-time D.A. students in good standing are eligible for University Doctor of Arts Fellowships, which provide up to six credits of tuition remission per semester with no work requirement. Additional information about other types of financial aid and scholarship awards is available in the Graduate Bulletin.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We welcome your interest in the English D.A. Program and invite you to visit the St. John’s campus and speak to our faculty and graduate students. To make an appointment to discuss the program with the Director of Graduate Studies, please contact:

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