

ENGLISH MAJOR WITH WRITING EMPHASIS PORTFOLIO CHECKLIST

The portfolio requirement for the English Major with Writing Emphasis is a culminating exercise for the major. Works written or selected for the portfolio should show ability to create quality writing across a

Required Materials:

- **Introductory Essay.**
 - In this essay (750 words minimum), the graduate should reflect on the experience of being a writing major at Aquinas. Review your history as a writer, your progress as a writer, and important lessons you have learned in the course of completing your degree. You may also use this opportunity to highlight elements in your portfolio and explain why you included them.
- **Include at least one sample of writing from each of at least three of the following genres:**
 - poetry,
 - fiction
 - creative non-fiction
 - drama
 - analytical or critical essay, etc.
- Pieces included should show facility with language, and the ability to write persuasively, creatively, and analytically, depending on the requirements of the genre.
- Pieces included should show appreciation of literature as an art form, in both the creative and analytical samples shown.

Optional materials that may be included as available:

- Life and work experience materials produced by you. (e.g. brochures, advertising materials, memos.
- Publications
- Creative/journalistic pieces

Format and Deadline:

- **Students should provide the graded versions of their work, including instructor comments.** Please do NOT use plastic page protectors.
- ***In the semester prior to graduation, the student will also need to complete an Application for Degree. These forms can be found on the Registrar's webpage. The student should make an appointment with the Department Chair to complete this process and bring a copy of courses completed from MyAQ.**
- Portfolios should be turned in to the department chair or student's advisor no later than mid-term of the semester students plan to graduate.