English Department
Senior Project Question and Answer Sheet

What is a senior project in English?

The senior project in English represents the culmination of a student's experience as an English major. The projects will vary according to the sub-disciplines (literature, creative writing, technical communications, and linguistics), and will be determined by the student and the instructor. Projects in literature and linguistics, for instance, are often an expanded version of a seminar paper; projects in technical communications may be a website, a DVD, or other multimedia creation; projects in creative writing are usually portfolios of student work.

When should I do my senior project?

Ideally, students should take their senior project in one of the last two quarters of their coursework.

How do I sign up for senior project?

Students take the senior project adjunct (English 461, 1 unit) in conjunction with a 400-level English class (in literature, technical communications, linguistics, or creative writing). **Students must sign up for the senior project before registration opens for the upcoming quarter**. To sign up for a 400-level class and the corresponding English 461, get the senior project form in the English department office. Then meet with the instructor of your chosen 400-level class to sign the form. Take your form back to the English department office where it will be kept on file and will guarantee you a seat in both courses. **Do not enroll in these courses during the regular registration period;** instead, on the first day of school ask your instructor for permission numbers for both the 400-level class and the corresponding English 461. You will then register for both courses.

Should I submit my senior project to the library?

Students are not required to submit their senior project to the library. However, students should consult their senior project adviser about whether they would like to submit their work to the library. If students decide to submit their senior projects to the library they should go to the following website for instructions: lib.calpoly.edu/senior projects