Prospective and Beginning English Majors!
Fall 2014 Courses for Freshmen and Sophomores

The English Department would like to highlight two courses we are offering for prospective and beginning English majors: English 0029 Literary Studies, for first-year students who have been exempted from or finished the first-year composition requirement; and English 0091-01 Romance, limited to sophomores, an introduction to literary study through the examination of a particular (and very popular) genre.

**ENG 0029-01**  
Literary Studies  
G+ MW 1:30-2:45  
Linda Bamber

This course is open only to freshmen with an English AP score of 5. An introduction to literary studies, focusing on methods of textual analysis. We will practice reading and writing about lyric poetry, drama, the novel, and short fiction, developing intellectual strategies based on authentic personal response. The course requires students to read only a small number of texts, but to read them very closely and to write about them both formally and informally.

**ENG 0091-01**  
Topics Lit & Culture: Romance  
(SOPHOMORE SEMINAR)  
G+ MW 1:30-2:45  
John Fyler

Romance is one of the most interesting and historically most popular genres, combining as it does the sheer delights of storytelling with the working out of seemingly endless variations on a few common themes: alienation; the quest; the loss of and search for identity; the incest taboo; magic; disguise; doubling and repetition as a generator of narrative. We will read a number of romances, across a broad historical range, as we explore the genre's distinctive features. The reading will include at least some of the following works: Homer's *Odyssey*; medieval Arthurian romances, including *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* and the works of Chrétien de Troyes and Thomas Malory; Shakespeare's late plays, and J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*. This course fulfills the pre-1860 requirement, and is limited to sophomores.