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Dear Mr. Sample,

Congratulations on your admission to Ohio State! As chair of the Department of English, I’m delighted that you’re considering English as your major.

As an English major at Ohio State, you’ll have an abundance of choices. Our students take courses on James Baldwin and George Eliot, Jane Austen and Walt Whitman, film noir and video games, *The Canterbury Tales* and graphic novels. They study *Othello* and postcolonial literature, legal rhetoric and the politics of language, modernist fiction and the history of comics. They write poetry, short stories, and screenplays as well as grant proposals, technical reports, and research papers. They create short videos that promote social causes and they produce social media campaigns. In the process of doing this and much more, they improve their abilities to analyze complex texts, to think critically, to write persuasively, and to understand perspectives and times different from their own—skills that are essential to succeeding at whatever career or life’s passion they pursue after graduation.

Outside the classroom, you’ll access a multitude of opportunities. Our students engage in independent research projects. They write their own literary novels, graphic narratives, and science fiction stories. They participate in study abroad programs in London, Paris, Rome, and locations across the globe. They complete internships with publishing houses, production studios, non-profits, and international corporations. They lead student organizations and host community-wide fundraisers. They serve as tutors through the university’s Writing Center and as peer career advisors in the College of Arts and Sciences Career Services Office.

How will you do all this?

From orientation through graduation, our students receive an abundance of support. Our professors are among the best in the nation, which means our students are in constant conversation with award-winning scholars, teachers, and mentors. Our undergraduate advising team is expert in helping students plan their coursework and explore their career possibilities. Our students earn academic credit for real-world experiences, and we’re committed to connecting them with Ohio State English alumni around the world.

This is, of course, just the tip of the iceberg. We’d love for you to join our thriving community of students and scholars. Feel free to contact me ([moddelmog.1@osu.edu](mailto:moddelmog.1@osu.edu)) or our undergraduate program manager, Pablo Tanguay ([tanguay.1@osu.edu](mailto:tanguay.1@osu.edu)), for more information. Or, you can visit our website at english.osu.edu.

Again, I hope to welcome you to our department in the Fall!

Debra Moddelmog

Chair and Professor

Department of English