

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
POSITION DESCRIPTION

Assistant or Associate Professor of English

Department: Division of Language and Literature

OBU Mission Statement

OBU transforms lives by equipping students to pursue academic excellence, integrate faith with all areas of knowledge, engage a diverse world, and live worthy of the high calling of God in Christ.

Core Commitments

Oklahoma Baptist University achieves its mission through a shared commitment to the following expectations. All employees are expected to embrace these expectations and to model them in their behavior.

- *Commitment to the essentials of the Christian faith*
- *Commitment to active membership in a local evangelical church*
- *Commitment to the vision and mission of Oklahoma Baptist University*
- *People are treated with dignity and respect*
- *Relationships are built on honesty, integrity, and trust*
- *Excellence is achieved through teamwork, leadership, and a strong work ethic*
- *Efficiency is achieved through wise management of human and financial resources*

Overview

For a tenure-track appointment beginning in August 2024, Oklahoma Baptist University seeks an established or emerging Christian scholar of literature, rhetoric/composition, or creative writing with a strong commitment to teaching undergraduates. In keeping with OBU's mission, candidates should demonstrate a record of excellent teaching; a desire to integrate faith and knowledge within their discipline; a commitment to engaging a diverse world and cultivating inclusive learning communities; and a life of active Christian faith. The successful candidate will teach core curriculum courses in composition, a Western literature survey within an interdisciplinary team-taught course sequence, and upper-level literature or writing courses. Applicants who specialize in British literature, American literature (including multiethnic approaches to American literature), composition and rhetoric, or creative writing are welcome. The expected teaching load is 12 credit hours per semester.

Essential Functions

- Teach core curriculum and upper-level undergraduate English courses
- Keep accurate class records and submit reports and grades via an online learning management system
- Keep regular office hours for advising students

Other Duties

- Maintain an active program of professional development, including attendance at professional conferences, presentations, and/or scholarly or creative publication
- Serve the university and division in relation to student recruitment, campus events, and committees as assigned
- Serve as academic advisor to students as assigned

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Qualifications

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Must be able to teach multiple English courses, including composition and literature courses
- Possess and demonstrate strong interpersonal skills, communication skills, and pedagogy for diverse student populations
- Be able to conduct a college classroom to maximize the student learning experience
- Be able to adjust teaching methods to meeting student needs
- Be able to work effectively with college age students in individual advisement as well as small and large class environments
- Be proficient in office technology, office software (including various Microsoft tools), and classroom presentation software

Education and Experience

- **Required:** Ph.D. in English, Rhetoric/Composition, or Creative Writing, or ABD by time of hire; or M.F.A. in Creative Writing
 - **Required:** Experience teaching undergraduates in an accredited institution of higher education
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