

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.

- *Demonstrate commitment to the essentials of the Christian faith.*
- *Maintain active membership in a local evangelical Christian church.*
- *Commit to the vision and mission of Oklahoma Baptist University.*
- *Treat people with dignity and respect.*
- *Build relationships on honesty, integrity, and trust.*
- *Strive for excellence through teamwork, leadership, and a strong work ethic.*
- *Manage human and financial resources wisely and efficiently.*

Overview

For a full-time, tenure-track appointment beginning in January 2025, Oklahoma Baptist University seeks an established or emerging Christian scholar of creative writing (preferably specializing in fiction) and literature 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 introductory, intermediate, and advanced courses in creative writing, core curriculum courses in composition and literature, and other courses in writing, editing, or literature as assigned, in accordance with the candidate's qualifications. Scholars interested in teaching OBU's unique interdisciplinary; team-taught Western Civilization course sequence are preferred. The expected teaching load is 24 credit hours per academic year.

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 creative writing, 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:** M.F.A. in Creative Writing, or M.A. in Creative Writing or English
- **Required:** Experience teaching undergraduates in an accredited institution of higher education
- **Preferred:** Ph.D. in Creative Writing, English, or Rhetoric/Composition

Special Requirements:

- Must be a member of a local evangelical* Christian church.
 - *Evangelical is a broad term referring to segment within Christianity which maintains the authority of the Bible and the belief in salvation by faith in Jesus alone.

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