Aaron Clark quickly discovered that not only was he adept at this, but he really enjoyed it. “I enjoy the writing, I enjoy the reading, and though the work in this major is challenging, I’ve just fallen in love with the faculty. All through my time at the College, I’ve had solid professors who’ve continually introduced me to intriguing works and intriguing ways to interpret them.”

Several classes in particular stand out for Aaron. “I took a study abroad course in Trujillo, Spain called Hemmingway in Spain. That was a fantastic course. I wasn’t even a Spanish minor, but I was able to learn a lot of Spanish and at the same time I was furthering my English major.”

He also praises a course he took on John Milton’s works. “That prompted me to write my bachelor’s essay on Milton. I’m examining his interest in astronomy, which has led me to learn about so many of his scientific influences including Newton, Copernicus and Gallileo.”

Aaron isn’t certain just where his degree in English will lead him. After graduating, he envisions teaching English overseas for a few years and then possibly moving on to work in publishing. “I suspect that the English major gets overlooked by a lot of students because it doesn’t seem practical. But there are so many ways you can use this background. Being an English major isn’t just about reading literature, it’s about learning how to dissect texts and process information – skills that can translate to so many different areas. The work I’ve done in this major and the experiences I’ve had have definitely made me more versatile.”