

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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The Department of English offers four programs of study: a major in English with specialized options in creative writing, literature, and professional writing; a major in English for Secondary Teachers; and minors in English, creative writing, professional writing, literature, and teaching English as a second language (TESOL). In addition, the department sponsors an honors program for qualified students.

The English department also makes a significant contribution to the general education of all students through ENG 100, ENG 200, and ENG 300. The department serves other departments through its offerings in intermediate composition, technical writing, business writing, linguistics, film, women's literature/gender theory, teaching English as a second language, and teaching English in the schools.

English majors and minors find that their training in close reading, analyzing, researching, and writing is valuable preparation for a broad range of business, governmental, and professional careers. The major in English for Secondary Teachers prepares students for certification to teach grades 8-12.

When planning a program of study in English, each student should be aware of the academic requirements and regulations contained in this catalog in the chapter "Academic Information." Specific attention should be given to the subsections entitled (a) Academic Programs, (b) Colonnade Requirements, and (c) Academic Requirements and Regulations. Students should also be aware that academic programs may have additional requirements not specified in the catalog. To obtain a copy of these requirements, students should contact the Department Chair or the appropriate advisor.

Honors

In cooperation with the Dixie and Pete Mahurin Honors College, the Department of English offers a number of courses designed to challenge and reward honors-eligible students studying English. Fostering a sense of community among outstanding students, the English honors courses also facilitate graduate school admission and job placement. Participants enjoy opportunities for discussion and instruction in small classes, as well as for independent research and membership in Sigma Tau Delta--the International English Honor Society. Additionally, English majors who choose to write a six-credit-hour English-related Honors Thesis may apply three of those credit hours toward their upper-division English electives. For information, contact Michael Healy, English Honors Advisor (michael.healy@wku.edu).

Degrees

- English for Secondary Teachers, Bachelor of Arts (561) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/english/english-secondary-teachers-ba/>)
- English, Bachelor of Arts (662) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/english/english-ba/>)

Minors

- Creative Writing, Minor (348) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/english/creative-writing-minor/>)
- English, Minor (359) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/english/english-minor/>)
- Gender & Women's Studies, Minor (378) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/english/gender-womens-studies-minor/>)
- Literature, Minor (406) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/english/literature-minor/>)
- Professional Writing, Minor (437) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/english/professional-writing-minor/>)
- Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL), Minor (478) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/english/teaching-english-second-language-tesl-minor/>)

Certificates

- Professional and Technical Writing, Certificate (1780) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/english/professional-technical-writing-certificate/>)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Certificate (1782) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/english/tesol-certificate/>)

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