

## **ENGLISH**

The Department of English intends that its students will form strong communication skills, establish research methods, develop flexibility in facing complex situations, and increase their awareness of the humanities tradition. These ideas suit both the liberal arts major and the practical, pre-professional student. Success in the marketplace is tied to the ability to analyze, understand, and restate written material. Such success requires habits of investigation, fluency with documents and speeches, and the self-assurance to handle unfamiliar materials. Thus, in its offerings, the department serves the traditions of language and literature, while it responds to the needs of today's students.

### **The Program**

The English department offers a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in English as well as a B.A. and a B.S. in English education.

Departmental offerings include:

**B.A. and B.S. in English** -- These degrees require 42 credits in English courses beyond first-year composition. The B.A. degree requires functional proficiency in at least one language other than English, typically 14 credits of course work in that language. Students can emphasize course work in literature, writing studies, or a balance of the two, but the department does not offer degrees in literature or writing exclusively.

**B.A. and B.S. in English Education** -- These degrees require 39 credits in English courses beyond first-year composition and 34 to 37 credits in education courses. The B.A. degree also requires functional proficiency in at least one language other than English, typically 14 credits of course work in that language. A B.S. degree in English education with a communication option requires 20 credits in communication courses and leads to certification in both English and speech. English education majors should contact the School of Education or the English education advisor for additional requirements.

**English Minors** -- Minor sequences are available for literature and writing studies. The two minors require a minimum of 21 credits in English beyond first-year composition.

**Literature** -- This minor gives students the opportunity to read widely in literature, develop analytical skills, and hone writing skills. Courses include Literary Analysis, six credits in literature survey courses, nine credits in elective literature and film courses, and three credits in a writing intensive course.

**Writing Studies** -- This minor gives students the opportunity to write creatively and professionally, to read a wide variety of texts, and to explore emerging communication technologies. Courses include Introduction to Writing Studies, 15 credits in elective writing courses, and three credits in a 300- or 400-level literature or linguistics course. One of these remaining six must be at the 400 level. English majors cannot earn a minor in writing studies.

**Graduate Study** -- The Department of English offers a doctorate in English with emphases in rhetoric, writing, and culture, and a Master of Arts degree in English with emphases in literature and writing studies.

Transfer credits with grades of D are not accepted for English major requirements.

### **Career Opportunities**

Traditional careers in English studies, such as teaching, fluctuate in demand from year to year, but the abilities to think critically, to synthesize information, and to write and speak with precision, clarity, and effectiveness are valuable in any career. Thus, many companies look for employees with English majors or minors. The demand for technical writers has been growing, and many companies, non-profit organizations, and government agencies have been hiring English majors for jobs that require good writing, editing, and document design skills, as well as the ability to write effectively for the web and social media sites. English majors also acquire project management skills and the ability to work as members of a team, which make them desirable employees.

Recent graduates have found teaching positions in the Fargo area, North Dakota and Minnesota. Former and current students are employed in writing intensive and/or training positions; some start their own businesses. Some English graduates seek professional degrees (law, library science or medicine) or graduate degrees in English immediately after earning a B.A. or B.S., or they choose these options as career changes later in life.

### **Scholarships**

The Department of English awards more than \$8,000 in scholarships each year. Contact the department for details.

*Hal and Alice Dickey Memorial Scholarship* - awarded to a sophomore, junior, or senior.

*Professor Ralph Engel Scholarship* - awarded to a major who has completed at least 21 credits at North Dakota State University.

*Marjory Archer Haggart Memorial Scholarship* - awarded biennially to a sophomore or junior.

*G. Wilson Hunter and Phyllis Krantz Hunter Scholarship* - awarded to a sophomore, junior or senior.

*I. Madeline S. Gittings Endowed Scholarship* - awarded to two or three students each year.

*Mart and Lois Vogel Award for Excellence* - awarded to one or two upper-class students.

*Richard L. Johnson Scholarship* - awarded to a graduate student pursuing literary studies.

*Rooney Scholarship* - awarded to a graduate student.

*English Faculty Award* - awarded to one or two students with 15 to 45 credits.

### **High School Preparation**

Beyond the core curriculum requirements necessary for admission to the University, students should have an English preparation that includes both frequent reading from most literary genres and extensive writing experience.

### **The Faculty**

The Department of English faculty is well-balanced and versatile. Professors have doctorates from diverse and well-respected universities, including Louisville, CUNY, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Washington State, Southern Illinois, New Mexico, Ball

State, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Texas Christian and Iowa State. Non-tenured faculty and staff have advanced degrees from universities such as Iowa, Northern Illinois, North Dakota and South Dakota. Many faculty members deliver papers regularly at and national and international professional meetings and publish in scholarly journals, journals of creative writing and literary reference works. Many faculty members have won awards for their teaching, service to North Dakota State University, and their research and publications.

The English department offers a gateway course, Introduction to English Studies (ENGL 167), and two general categories of courses throughout the curriculum.

#### **Writing Studies**

Introduction to Writing Studies (ENGL 275) introduces students to creative, academic and professional writing. Students can then choose courses in these areas that meet their interests. Upper division classes offer students the opportunity to create web sites, make videos, and explore other communication technologies. Classes include the reading of literature, scholarly and popular essays, and professional documents in print and on the web.

#### **Literary Studies**

These classes include frequent writing assignments, the opportunity to present orally, and lively discussion of literary texts, historical periods, and contemporary issues illuminated by, or represented in, the course material. Classes include Literary Analysis (ENGL 271), survey courses, period courses, multicultural courses, interdisciplinary courses, major figures courses, genre courses, film courses and topics courses.

### **Sample Curriculum**

<b>Credits</b>	<b>General Education Requirements</b>
	First Year Experience
1	UNIV 189 - Skills for Academic Success
	Communication
3	COMM 110 - Fundamentals of Public Speaking
3, 3	ENGL 110, 120 - College Composition I, II
3	ENGL 358 - Writing in Humanities and Social Science
3	Quantitative Reasoning
10	Science & Technology
6	Humanities & Fine Arts
6	Social & Behavioral Sciences
2	Wellness
-	Cultural Diversity
-	Global Perspective
<b>40</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Credits</b>	<b>College/Department Requirements</b>
3	Humanities Elective
3	Social Science Elective
3	Fine Arts Elective
<b>9</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

<b>Professional Education Requirement</b>	
3	ENGL 167 - Introduction to English Studies
3	ENGL 271 - Literary Analysis
3	ENGL 275 - Introduction to Writing Studies
3	ENGL 467 - English Studies Capstone Experience
6	Literature Survey Electives
6	Cultural Diversity Electives
15	300-400 Level English Electives
34	Electives
<b>73</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>122</b>	<b>CURRICULUM TOTALS</b>

**This sample curriculum is not intended to serve as a curriculum guide for current students, but rather an example of course offerings for prospective students. For the curriculum requirements in effect at the time of entrance into a program, consult with an academic advisor or with the Office of Registration and Records.**

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