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University of Missouri-St. Louis

English

Why UM-SL?

- **The English Department at UM-St. Louis has a faculty of published, award-winning creative writers and scholars** with international reputations for their excellence in literary studies, critical theory, poetry, and fiction.
- **The English Department has a curriculum** which allows students to study a variety of courses, ranging from literary studies, critical theory, film, and drama to women's studies, cultural studies, creative writing, and journalism and affords opportunities for intensive, wide-ranging humanist knowledge and inquiry in preparation for professional writing, teacher certification, graduate study, or the pursuit of other professions - such as law - that would benefit by extensive training in literature, language, and critical analysis.
- **The English Department has a Writing Certificate Program**, providing internships with St. Louis-based companies with practical experience that can lead to job opportunities.
- **The English Department has an in-house literary magazine, *Litmag***, to publish original work by UM-St. Louis students. Students also serve on *Litmag*'s editorial board to gain knowledge of the publishing trade.
- **The English Department has financial assistance** for upper-classmen demonstrating excellence in their academic studies.

Career Outlook

In addition to traditional employment as teachers at the primary, secondary, and community-college levels, recent UM-St. Louis graduates in English are working in journalism, editing, advertising, public relations, and other fields that place a premium upon creation and interpretation of the written word. Numerous recent English majors have successfully entered English Ph.D. programs and law schools.

Undergraduate Studies

Degrees and Areas of Concentration

The English Department offers or participates in the offering of the B.A. in English, the B.A. in English with certification for secondary teaching, and the B.S. in secondary education with an

emphasis area in English. The Department also offers a minor in English. Additionally, students with any major in the University may earn a Certificate in Writing so that they may demonstrate evidence of training in creative, journalistic, or technical writing.

The Department also has graduate programs leading to the Master of Arts degree and the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing. For information on the graduate programs, please contact the Department.

General Education Requirements

Majors must meet the University general education requirements and the requirements of the School or College from which they expect to receive their degree. After fulfilling the general education and specific major degree requirements, students are to take the remaining 70 hours required to complete the B.A. in English from courses which the appropriate department has evaluated as being of university-level quality from one or more of the following areas or their university-quality equivalents at other institutions: anthropology/archaeology, art (appreciation, history, studio), biology, chemistry, communication, criminology and criminal justice, economics, English, foreign languages/literatures, history, mathematics/computer science, music (appreciation, history, performance), philosophy, physics, political science, psychology, social work, sociology, business, education, engineering, and interdisciplinary. English courses may be used to meet the University's humanities requirement, except the following:

- 1100, Freshman Composition
- 1110, Freshman Composition for International Students
- 2120, Topics in Writing
- 2810, Traditional Grammar
- 3090, Practical Criticism: Writing About Literature
- 3100, Advanced Expository Writing
- 3110, Advanced Expository Writing for International Students
- 3120, Business Writing
- 3130, Technical Writing
- 3140, News Writing

3150, Feature Writing
3160, Writing in the Sciences
3180, Reporting
3600, The Curriculum and Methods of Teaching English
4000, Writing in the Professions
4860, Editing
4870, Advanced Business and Technical Writing
4880, Writing for Teachers
4890, Independent Writing Project

The foreign language requirement may be met in any language.

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Option

English majors may take any English course on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis except the following:

1100, Freshman Composition
1110, Freshman Composition for International Students
3090, Practical Criticism: Writing About Literature
3100, Advanced Expository Writing
3110, Advanced Expository Writing for International Students
3120, Business Writing
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Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Arts in English

English majors must complete at least 36, but no more than 45, hours in English exclusive of English 1100, Freshman Composition; English 1110, Freshman Composition for International Students; and English 3090, Practical Criticism: Writing About Literature.

1. Students majoring in English must take:
 - 2310, English Literature I
 - 2320, English Literature II
 - 2710, American Literature I
 - 2720, American Literature II
 - 2810, Traditional Grammar
2. English 3090, Practical Criticism: Writing About Literature. (For English majors, this course is a prerequisite or corequisite for 4000-level courses in English.)

3. Students must also complete one course from five of the following ten areas:

Area 1 Medieval English

4250, Old English Literature
4260, Chaucer
4270, Medieval English Literature

Area 2 Shakespeare

4370, Shakespeare: Tragedies and Romances
4380, Shakespeare: Comedies and Histories

Area 3 The Renaissance

4320, Elizabethan Poetry and Prose
4340, Early Seventeenth-Century Poetry and Prose
4350, Milton
4360, Tudor and Stuart Drama

Area 4 Restoration and Eighteenth-Century English

4410, Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Drama
4420, Age of Dryden and Pope
4440, Age of Johnson
4450, The Eighteenth-Century English Novel

Area 5 Nineteenth-Century English

4510, Early Romantic Poetry and Prose
4520, Later Romantic Poetry and Prose
4540, The Nineteenth-Century English Novel
4560, Prose and Poetry of the Victorian Period
4580, Literature of the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries

Area 6 Nineteenth-Century American

4610, Selected Major American Writers I
4620, Selected Major American Writers II
4640, American Fiction to World War I

Area 7 Twentieth-Century English/American

4650, Modern American Fiction
4740, Poetry Since World War II
4750, Modern British Fiction
4760, Modern Drama
4770, Modern Poetry

Area 8 Literary Criticism

4000, History of Literary Criticism
4030, Contemporary Critical Theory
4050, Forms and Modes of Poetry
4070, The Two Cultures: Literature and Science
4080, Narrative, Cognition and Emotion

Area 9 Special Topics

4060, Adolescent Literature
4900, Seminar
4920, Continental Fiction
4930, Studies in Women & Literature
4940, Special Topics in Jewish Literature
4950, Special Topics in Literature

Area 10 Linguistics

4800, Linguistics
4810, English Grammar
4820, History of the English Language

A maximum of six satisfactory/unsatisfactory hours may be taken in the Department. Majors must complete at least 18 graded (i.e., not satisfactory/unsatisfactory) hours in English courses at the 3000-level or above with a grade point average of 2.0 or better in these courses.

Students majoring in English must complete a minimum of 12 graded hours in English courses at the 4000-level in residence with a grade point average of 2.0 or better in these courses.

Work in 2000-level courses provides a background in literary history and forms, as well as the means for discussing literary issues, on paper and orally. Thus, the Department requires English 2310, as a prerequisite for English majors for English 4250, 4260, 4270, 4320, 4340, 4350, 4360, 4370, 4380, 4410, 4420, 4440, and 4450; similarly, it requires English 2320 as a prerequisite for majors for English 4510, 4520, 4540, 4560, 4580, 4750, 4760, and 4770. English 2710 is a prerequisite for English 4610, 4620, 4640. Both English 2710 and 2720 are prerequisites for English 4650. All survey courses must be taken before majors complete 90 hours toward a degree.

Students should consult with faculty advisors to determine which upper-level courses best satisfy their major needs and interests.

Bachelor of Arts in English with Certification for Secondary Education

In addition to the requirements for the B.A. in English, students must meet the following requirements for secondary certification:

1. Two courses in American literature. This requirement may be met by courses counted for the major.
 - a. American literature must include a unit or course in the literature of ethnic groups.
 - b. American literature must include a unit or course in literature for adolescents. Alternatively, this requirement may be met by an adolescent literature unit within a children's literature course.
2. Twelve hours in composition and rhetoric. English 1100, Freshman Composition, may be counted. English 3090, Practical Criticism: Writing About Literature, is required. English 4880/SEC ED 4880, Writing for Teachers, is required. Recommended courses include creative writing, journalism, and business writing.
3. Three requirements in English Language:
 - a. English 2810 or pass a test in Basic Grammar

- b. English 4810, English Grammar
- c. English 4800 Linguistics or 4820 History of the English Language

4. English 3600, The Curriculum and Methods of Teaching English, must be taken before student teaching. Prerequisite SEC ED 3289 and a near major in English, and completion of Level II courses in Education.
5. English 3700, English Teaching Intern Seminar, must be taken concurrently with SEC ED 3290, Secondary School Student Teaching.
6. Candidates for certification in Missouri must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA, computed from the beginning of freshman year and including all colleges attended.

Courses in professional education listed as requirements under the Secondary Education Department are also required for secondary certification. Note that SEC ED 4391, Problems of Teaching Reading in Secondary Schools, is required for prospective English teachers.

Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education with an Emphasis Area in English

The required courses in English and professional education are the same as those for the B.A. with certification for secondary education. However, students fulfill the general education requirements of the College of Education rather than those of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Minor in English

A student may minor in English by taking at least 18 hours of English courses, exclusive of English 1100, Freshman Composition, and English 1110, Freshman Composition for International Students. English 3090 is required, and 12 of the 18 hours must be in literature courses, 9 of which must be in courses at the 3000- or 4000-level. Every student taking a minor in English must consult with an advisor in the English department in order to ensure a coherent program of studies. The GPA in courses for the minor must be 2.0 or better. Nine of the 18 hours must be taken in residence at UM-St. Louis.

No more than three hours taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis may be counted toward the 18-hour minimum.

Certificate Program in Writing

A student may receive the Certificate in Writing by completing a total of 18 hours in writing courses chosen from the following:

Communication 2212, Broadcast Writing and Reporting
Communication 2217, Script Writing for Business and Industry

English 2030, Poetry Writing
 English 2040, Short Story Writing
 English 2050, Playwriting
 English 2080, Advertising Copywriting, or
 Communication 1108 Advertising Copywriting
 English 3090, Practical Criticism: Writing
 About Literature
 English 3100, Advanced Expository Writing
 English 3110, Advanced Expository Writing for
 International Students
 English 3120, Business Writing
 English 3130, Technical Writing
 English 3140, News Writing, or Communication 3214,
 News Writing
 English 3150, Feature Writing
 English 3160, Writing in The Sciences
 English 3180, Reporting
 English 3280 or Communication 2228, Writing for
 Public Relations
 English 4000, Writing in the Professions
 English 4020, Writing Literary Criticism
 English 4130, Advanced Poetry Writing
 English 4140, Advanced Fiction Writing
 English 4860, Editing
 English 4870, Advanced Business and
 Technical Writing
 English 4880, Writing for Teachers
 English 4890, Independent Writing Project
 (This course is required. It is to be taken as the last
 course a student will take in his/her program, and it is
 to be used to generate an extensive final project.)
 English 5880, Gateway Writing Project

Note: English 4870, Advanced Business and Technical
 Writing, may be substituted for English 4890 as the
 required final course for students who wish to do
 their final projects in business or technical writing.

The technical writing emphasis provides a more career-
 specific strategy for students enrolled in the Writing
 Certificate program. The technical writing emphasis is
 composed of three required courses and three electives for
 a total of 18 hours chosen from the following:

Business Administration

1800, Computers and Computer Information
 3100, Contemporary Business Communication

Communication

1065, Introduction to Information Technology

Computer Science

1250, Introduction to Computer Science (Prerequisite:
 Math 1030, College Algebra)

English

3120, Business Writing
 3140, News Writing
 3150, Feature Writing
 3160, Writing in the Sciences
 3280, Public Relations Writing or Communication 2228
 4870, Advanced Business and Technical Writing
 (if 4890 is taken as requirement)
 4890, Independent Writing Project
 (if 4860 is taken as requirement)

Required:

3130, Technical Writing
 4860, Editing
 4870, Advanced Technical Writing OR
 4890, Independent Writing Project

Courses taken to fulfill requirements for the Writing
 Certificate may not be taken on a satisfactory/
 unsatisfactory basis.

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