



The Bachelor of Arts in English

Embrace your love of words.

Engaging with and changing the world starts with reading and writing your way through it. An English degree will have you doing everything from reading and discussing important literary works to developing outstanding writing skills to becoming a more critical consumer and creator of digital content. You'll be in a position to advocate for awareness and change in both professional and public spheres. English majors love words, wield their power and use them for the greater good.

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The BA in English is designed for students with an interest in developing critical thinking and clear communication skills. Employers in many fields actively seek out and welcome English graduates because of the diversity and proficiency of their skills. Additionally, undergraduate English majors tend to score better on standardized tests like the LSAT, GMAT and GRE than many of their classmates.

The Department of English offers classroom, research, internship and creative opportunities that will help you critically approach and insightfully analyze the diverse texts and situations you encounter every day. You'll be introduced to British and American literature. You'll learn to appreciate and explore what's true and beautiful; what's sly, ironic and rhetorical; what's moving, inspiring, appalling and satirical. You'll learn analysis techniques and habits that you will be able to use in whatever you do.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be strong writers, composing ideas with clarity, using effective writing processes and participating in conversations via reading, writing, speaking, listening and critical thinking; astute analysts and content creators able to engage with a wide variety of texts and situations; and culturally and historically aware citizens and professionals.

Transforming Lives

The Bachelor of Arts in English at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off- campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

Graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic responsibility. Students in our programs engage in creative and critical thinking, learn to analyze evidence, to appreciate patterns of complexity and to reflect on important issues that impact our daily lives. Students gain skill sets to prepare for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic, and well-educated employees.

The English department publishes two literary magazines, one of which—Litmag—is edited by undergraduate English students and features art, poetry and fiction of the UMSL community. In addition, the English department staffs and administers the campus Writing Center, providing students across campus with face-to-face and online tutoring appointments. The department also offers three writing certificates: Professional Writing, Creative Writing and Technical Writing.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Bachelor of Arts in English is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. UMSL welcomes transfer students and our transfer specialists will assist you with getting the most transfer credits possible. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, and as such, UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region

Learn more at english.umsl.edu

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. Seventy-three percent of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce with literacy skills and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for English.

Career Opportunities

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Content Manager
Copywriter or Editor
Educator
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