

# DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Contemporary English studies – like the English language itself – has a global reach. Our curriculum is shaped by the flow of English-speaking people and cultural production in English across both time and space, combining historical, linguistic and cultural analysis with creative work in literature, film, and emerging media. The varied interests of our faculty and students include creative writing, rhetoric and discourse studies, gender and women's studies, film studies, digital humanities, health humanities, science fiction, and the full range of literatures and varieties of English, including African American, the African Diaspora, Latinx, Asian American, Native American, and South Asian studies.

Through these wide and rich areas of inquiry, we impart key skills – thinking critically, analyzing complex texts and contexts, communicating persuasively, and appreciating the aesthetic and cultural value of literary and multimedia texts – that prepare our students for success in the workplace and in life.

The English major and minor offer flexibility by enabling students to pursue their own interests while acquiring important analytic and writing skills and discovering the riches of literature. The education English students receive prepares them for careers in technical writing, editing and publishing, government services, public relations, teaching, and many other professions.

We encourage English students to pursue research opportunities, to perform and publish their creative work, and to seek internships to build on what they are learning and to prepare for their future careers. We make a positive impact at home and abroad through our internationally recognized faculty and through the success of our students in academia, industry, and the professions.

## Teacher Certification Programs in English

### Teacher Certification in English Language Arts/Reading - OPTION II (Secondary)

Students desiring certification by Option II to teach English language arts and reading in the secondary schools of Texas should consult an undergraduate English advisor as early as possible. Requirements include 27 semester hours in literature, language, reading, and rhetoric and composition (an optional 24-30 hours in a second teaching field is possible); and professional education courses.

### Degree and Certification Program for Middle School in English Language Arts/Reading

The Department of English offers a degree and certification program in English language arts/reading for prospective middle-school teachers. This program requires 36 hours of literature, linguistics, composition and rhetoric and 15 hours of reading along with an 18-hour professional education component.

All students seeking certification should consult an undergraduate English advisor for additional information.

## Professional Writing Certificate

The Professional Writing Certificate gives students 18 hours of intensive training in a broad range of communication skills. Students who achieve a grade of B or better in all 18 hours of coursework will receive a certificate signifying their successful completion of this training. Students should allow at least a year and a half to complete the

courses, some of which are offered only once a year. Transfer courses, independent studies and credit by exam cannot be counted toward the 18 hours. Required courses include ENGL 210, ENGL 320, and ENGL 355. With the help of the Professional Writing Certificate Advisor, the student must also select three additional courses in rhetoric, communication or a related field.

## Faculty

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English  
PHD, University of Texas, 2003

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## Majors

- Bachelor of Arts in English (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/english/ba/>)
- Bachelor of Arts in English, Middle School Teacher Certification (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/english/ba-middle-school-teaching/>)
- Bachelor of Arts in English and Master of Arts in English, 5-Year Degree Program (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/english/ba-ma-engl/>)

## Minors

- English Minor (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/english/minor/>)