Degree(s)
+ Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in English
+ Minors in English and creative writing
+ Certificate in creative and professional writing

Program Overview
The English department offers a B.A. in English and minors in English and creative writing, as well as specialized concentrations within the major, including creative writing; rhetoric, writing and technology; and research intensive English which serves as our Honors concentration within the major. The department is student-centered, with small classes that emphasizes discussion and independent thinking; students also work one-on-one with faculty members to pursue independent research topics. Coursework within the major balances tradition and innovation in all areas of literary and rhetorical studies, including:
+ British and American literatures
+ Postcolonial literatures
+ World literatures
+ Literary theory
+ Film studies
+ Gender and race studies
+ History of the English language
+ Rhetoric and composition
+ Creative writing

All courses offered in the department of English ask students to write a significant amount of formal and informal critical analysis. Writing is central to all aspects of our program; it is the medium through which we hone our ability to reflect upon what we read and stands as an important area of critical inquiry unto itself. Thus, along with courses in literature, in which writing plays a principal role, you may take courses in various genres of creative writing and/or business and professional writing. These courses can enhance both personal creativity and professional competence. Our English alumni consistently cite this departmental emphasis on analytical thinking and effective writing skills as a major asset preparing them for a variety of academic and non-academic postgraduate pursuits.

About the Faculty
The department of English faculty completed their training and degrees at distinguished research institutions both nationally and abroad. In research, scholarly publications and teaching interests, our faculty consistently engages in and advances the dynamic topical and theoretical areas of inquiry that characterize the discipline of English today.

Curriculum
To earn a major in English, students must complete 36 credit hours in a range of introductory, intermediate and advanced-level courses that stress specific areas of knowledge within the broad field of English Studies.

After completing one 2000-level literary studies course, students select five courses (15 credit hours) at the 3000-level, completing one course from each of our four areas of critical emphasis:
+ Form and genre
+ History and context
+ Culture and critique
+ Rhetoric and argument

Students also choose one additional 3000-level course in their area of choice.

Students then select five 4000-level advanced seminars (15 credit hours) and finally complete the major with a senior capstone seminar in their senior year. Six of the 36 credit hours required for the major also count as core requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences.

The minor in English follows a reduced version of the model described above and requires 18 credit hours including core courses.

The creative writing minor requires 15 credit hours of coursework consisting of nine credit hours in creative writing and six credit hours in literature.

In addition to established courses that introduce students to major periods and authors, the department offers advanced students specialized courses on areas of significant and current inquiry within the discipline of literary studies. The English department also partners with the department of communication to offer a certificate in creative and professional writing.

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Graduate Programs
+ Master of Arts (M.A.) in English
+ Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in English
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Admission Requirements

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

Internships and Careers

Students are encouraged to explore career choices through internships with local businesses and institutions.

Students who study English receive a solid foundation for any profession that requires excellent analytical and communication skills. Graduates have enrolled in doctoral programs to continue their English studies. Others find employment in arts, education, business, government and nonprofit agencies. Some students choose to pursue service upon graduation through organizations such as Teach for America, the Americorps, the Jesuit Volunteer Corps or the Peace Corps. Many students attend law school, medical school or MBA programs. Others pursue teaching careers in secondary education, the media and publishing.

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