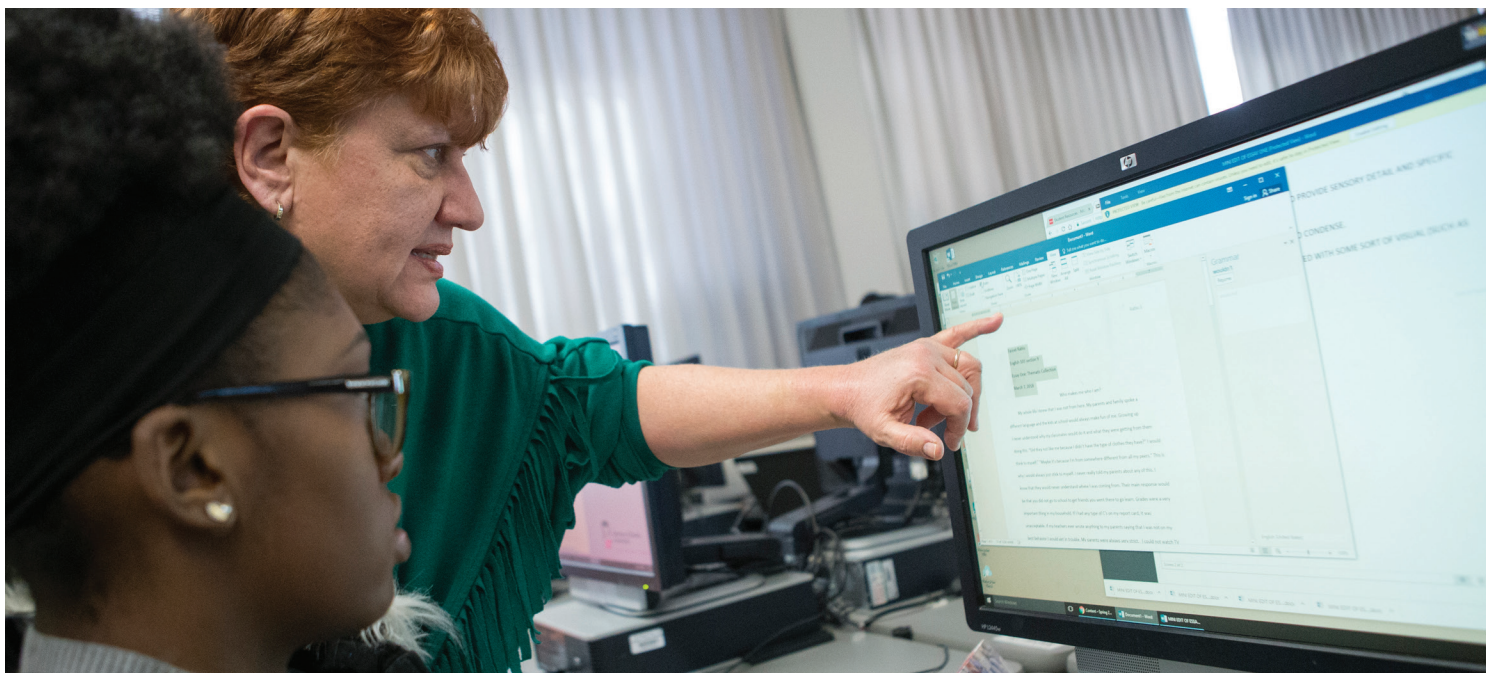


English



An English degree leads you to a brighter future through active learning. Engage in worthwhile research and creative problem-solving. Use innovative technology to combine the power of the word with image, sound and animation. Practice respectful but vigorous debate. Judge the differences between ethical and deceptive language. Deepen your insights into human values and cultural diversity as you track the progress of literary ideas. Discover how to shape the next generation’s reading, writing and critical-thinking skills. Simply put, an English degree helps you meet the complex demands of a global economy so you will thrive in whatever career you pursue.

Degree Details

The English B.A. requires two years of foreign language courses or the equivalent—such as credit for study abroad. Our English B.S. program requires advanced math, science or computer programming. Employers value both degrees because of your expertise in reasoning and communication skills.

Select one of three tracks:

- Literature, Language and Film
- Secondary Licensure in English Language Arts
- Writing

Or pursue an accelerated law degree. Earn your English bachelor’s and a juris doctorate in six years, not seven. Details are available at go.niu.edu/ENGL-accelerated-law.

Student Experiences

You can discover London and the British Isles in the summer Oxford Program—attending Shakespearean plays, receiving individualized instruction and visiting selected cultural/historical sites. Scholarships are available to help you achieve this global experience.

Intern with a Chicago firm or an on-campus organization, where you will get on-the-job practice in web design, publicity or technical writing projects.

Join the Creative Writing Club. Become a Writing Center tutor. Perform in faculty-sponsored poetry or fiction readings. Hone your leadership in Sigma Tau Delta, the national English honor society headquartered at NIU.

Personal Mentoring

In addition to highly interactive classes, why not work with professors one-on-one in independent studies, University Honors and the Research Rookies Program? Their guidance will help you realize your potential.

Present your scholarship at campus showcases or national conferences such as Sigma Tau Delta. Publish your writing and gain editorial experience with *Towers Magazine* — or the *Stonehouse Academic Journal*. Win prizes in department contests for fiction, poetry or essays.



Degree Requirements

All majors take a core of English coursework while pursuing their chosen track. Literature students often center electives on a specific period or genre. Educator licensure students enroll in methods courses and on-site clinicals where they design materials suitable for the classrooms they observe. Writing students focus on types of workplace composition as well as mastering a specific creative genre.

Complete degree requirements are available at go.niu.edu/Englishstudies.



Studies in Literature, Language and Film

Trace the development of British, American and world culture, from medieval to contemporary periods. Your literature professors publish with top scholarly presses such as Oxford and Cambridge, and present at leading national or international conferences.

Majors complete 39 English credit hours. Consult with faculty about preparation for advanced literary studies and scholarship—or careers associated with literary history, research, archiving, editing and publishing.

Secondary Licensure in English Language Arts

Make a real difference in kids' lives. Join one of the most rewarding and challenging professions of all!

You will prepare in a nationally-accredited program with widely published education professors who have taught and researched

in regional school districts. High school candidates complete 40 English credit hours, plus student teaching (typically 12 credit hours). Candidates also complete state exams and an electronic portfolio for the Teacher Performance Assessment.

Studies in Writing

Balance technical and creative writing classes to assemble a portfolio that shows your full range of writing credentials. As part of your 39 English credit hours, take advantage of excellent internship opportunities available on campus or in the Chicago region. Earn a 12-credit-hour certificate in creative writing, or add courses in journalism, play-writing, broadcasting and speech writing.

Your writing professors have garnered national recognition and honors in addition to impressive lists of publications in fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry and professional writing scholarship.

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- Become an English Student Ambassador
- Join Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society
- Take part in poetry, play and fiction readings on campus
- Submit your work to *Towers* and *Stonehouse* publications
- Join the editorial team for *Towers* and *Stonehouse* publications
- Join the Creative Writers' Club
- Present your work at NIU's annual Undergraduate Research and Artistry Day
- Study abroad in Oxford
- Become a peer tutor



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