

# Graduate and Undergraduate Course Description Booklet Summer 2023



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Course	Sect	Class #	Title	Day	Time	Faculty	Room
207	0Y01	1563	Fundamentals of English Grammar	TTh	11:00-1:45	Staff	Online
302	0Y01	1693	Writing Fiction I			Staff	Online
308-2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 wks	0Y01	2117	Technical Writing			Staff	Online
350	0Y01	1208	Writing Across the Curriculum	MW	11:00-1:45	Staff	Online
376	0Y01	2627	American Drama Since 1900	MW	2:00-4:45	Gomez-Vega	Online
382	0Y01	2628	Women Writers: The Tradition in English	TTh	2:00-4:45	Staff	Online
495	0Y01	Permit	Practicum in English			Staff	Online
496	0Y01	Permit	Intern Writing, Edit, Training			Staff	Online
497	0Y01	Permit	Directed Study			Staff	Online
607	0Y01	1209	Topics in Literature	TTh	2:00-4:45	Staff	Online
687	0Y01	2631	20 <sup>th</sup> Century American Drama	MW	2:00-4:45	Gomez-Vega	Online
696	PY01	Permit	Practicum in the Teaching of College English			Bennett	TBA
697	PY01	Permit	English Institute			Bennett	TBA
698	PY01	Permit	Independent Reading			Staff	TBA
699	PY01	Permit	Master's Thesis			Bennett	TBA
799	PY01	Permit	Doctoral Dissertation			Bennett	TBA

**NOTE:** Classes that indicate a time and day(s) for meeting will meet synchronously. All others meet asynchronously.

## 207 – Fundamentals of English Grammar

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section 0Y01	TTh 11:00-1:45	Staff	Online

### Description:

Introduction to modern English pedagogical grammar. Traditional terminology and analytical tools used to describe the grammar and use of written Standard English.

## 302 – Writing Fiction I

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section 0Y01	Asynchronous	Staff	Online

### Description:

Beginning course in writing fiction

## 308 – Technical Writing

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section 0Y01 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 wks)	Asynchronous	Staff	Online

### Description:

Principles and strategies for planning, writing, and revising technical documents common in government, business, and industry (e.g., manuals, proposals, procedures, newsletters, brochures, specifications, memoranda, and formal reports). Topics include analysis of audience and purpose, simplifying complex information, document design, and project management. **NOTE: This class will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> 4 weeks of the semester (July 17-August 13, 2023)**

## 350 – Writing Across the Curriculum

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section 0Y01	MW 11:00-1:45	Staff	Online

### Description:

Practice in writing skills, conventions, organization, and structuring of prose forms appropriate to the humanities, social sciences, and sciences (e.g., proposals, lab reports, case studies, literature reviews, critiques). Open to majors and non-majors. **Prerequisites & Notes:** PRQ: ENGL 103 and ENGL 203; or ENGL 204

## 376 – American Drama Since 1900

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section 0Y01	MW 2:00-4:45	Gomez-Vega	Online

*This class meets with ENGL 687-0Y01*

**Description:**

We will cover as many plays representative of 123 years of American theater as we can possibly cover. All but two of the plays are available as pdf documents.

**Requirements:**

Two analytical essays (5-7 pages) typed using the MLA style (30% each)  
 Ten quizzes (40% of grade)

**382 – Women Writers: The Tradition in English**

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section 0Y01	TTh 2:00-4:45	Staff	Online

*This class meets with ENGL 607-0Y01*

**Description:**

Literary accomplishments of women writing in English, covering a range of genres such as fiction, poetry, essays, and drama. Effects of gender on the reading and writing of literature.

**495 – Practicum in English**

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section 0Y01	TBA	Staff	Online

**[Permission Number Required] Please contact Dawn Sibley at dsibley@niu.edu**

**Description:**

Practical writing and other professional experience in supervised on-the-job situations. May be repeated to a maximum of 3 semester hours. S/U grading.

**496 – Internship in Writing, Editing, or Training**

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section 0Y01	TBA	Staff	Online

**[Permission Number Required] Please contact Dawn Sibley at dsibley@niu.edu**

**Description:**

Involves primarily writing, editing, or training in business, industry, or government setting, and that is jointly supervised by the English department’s internship coordinator and an individual from the sponsoring company or organization. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 semester hours. Up to 3 semester hours may be applied toward the English department’s program requirements. S/U grading. **Prerequisites & Notes PRQ:** Prior approval by the Department of English, a minimum of 120 contact hours, and other requirements as specified by the department.

**497 – Directed Study**

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section 0Y01	TBA	Staff	Online

**[Permission Number Required] Please contact Dawn Sibley at dsibley@niu.edu**

**Description:**

Directed study in any area of English Studies. Prerequisites & Notes: PRQ: Consent of department. 1-3 hours.

### 607 – Topics in Literature

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section 0Y01	TTh 2:00-4:45	Staff	Online

*This class meets with ENGL 382-0Y01*

**Description:**

Study of special topics and periods of literature. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 semester hours when topic varies.

### 687 – 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Drama

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section 0Y01	MW 2:00-4:45	Gomez-Vega	Online

*This class meets with ENGL 376-0Y01*

**Description:**

We will cover as many plays representative of 123 years of American theater as we can possibly cover. All but two of the plays are available as pdf documents.

**Requirements:**

An analytical essay (15+ pages) typed using the MLA Style

Or

A Research paper (15+ pages) typed using the MLA Style.

Or

An analytical Essay (15+ pages) typed using the MLA style (60% of grade)

Ten quizzes (40% of grade)

### 696 – Practicum in the Teaching of College English

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section PY01	TBA	Bennett	Online

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3 credit hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 15 semester hours; however, only 3 hours may be applied toward a graduate degree in English. S/U grading.

## 697 – English Institute

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section PY01	TBA	Bennett	Online

**[Permission Number Required] Please contact Dawn Sibley at dsibley@niu.edu**  
1-6 credit hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 semester hours as the topic changes. S/U grading.

## 698– Independent Readings

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section PY01	TBA	Staff	Online
Section PY02	TBA	Staff	Online

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Normally open only to students who have completed 30 semester hours in an M.A. program. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 semester hours when topic varies.

## 699 – Master’s Thesis

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section PY01	TBA	Bennett	Online

**[Permission Number Required] Please contact Dawn Sibley at dsibley@niu.edu**  
This course may be taken upon selection of a thesis director, appointment of a committee of two additional readers, and approval of a prospectus. Selection of a thesis director is made by the thesis writer, based upon the faculty member’s expert knowledge in the thesis field. The other two readers, typically a subject specialist and a general reader, are selected by the Director of Graduate Studies in consultation with the thesis writer and thesis director.

**Approval of the thesis prospectus by all committee members should be obtained at least one semester in advance of enrollment in 699.** A student writing a thesis must register in 699 in the semester in which he or she plans to defend the thesis. Once enrolled in 699, continuous enrollment is required, including summers, until the thesis is submitted to and formally approved by the Graduate School.

## 799 – Doctoral Dissertation

Section	Day and Time	Faculty	Room
Section PY01	TBA	Bennett	Online

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Dissertators will be enrolled in ENGL 799 when they have entered into candidacy: after their director has been selected, their committee approved, and dissertation proposal defended. **Once enrolled in 799, continuous enrollment is required, including summers, until the dissertation is submitted to and formally approved by the Graduate School.**