



## Department of English FAQs

### 1. Why choose English as a major?

English teaches you lifelong skills in reading and writing and pairs well with a variety of other majors, including Communication Studies, Catholic Studies, Business, Pre-Law, and more.

### 2. What is the English with Professional Writing major?

Writing is one of the most important skills to have in the modern workplace. In the English with Professional Writing major, you learn to study, analyze and compose for a diverse array of industries, including business, technical and scientific industries. You will learn how to write in a wide range of genres and media and in an array of organizational settings, including non-profit, grassroots, government and for-profit companies.

### 3. I like to do creative writing on my own, especially poetry and short stories—does English have something that will help me develop my writing in these areas?

Yes! We offer an English with a Creative Writing Emphasis major that gives students the opportunity to take four creative writing courses—an intro course that counts towards the Fine Arts requirement, intermediate courses in poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, and children's/YA lit, and an advanced writing workshop. Students in this program also have the opportunity to participate in the Literary Arts Practicum course, which gives them skills in layout, design, font style to put together the university's literary arts magazine.

### 4. Can I minor in English?

Yes! A minor in English is just four courses beyond the single core course and you can tailor it any way you like, whether that is all literature, creative writing, professional writing, or even mixing and matching various areas. The English minor pairs well with a variety of other programs, including Economics, Biology, and Philosophy, to name just a few.

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