

English

Department of English and Technical Communication

The Department of English and Technical Communication offers a wide range of courses and degree programs in writing, linguistics, technical communication, and literature. Members of the faculty have numerous publications to their credit and all courses are taught by experienced and accomplished professors.

As an English major you will study language and literature, as well as literary history, criticism and forms such as the short story, novel, drama, and poetry. Additional genre and theme courses include: World Literature, American and British Literature, Literature and Film, Shakespeare, Fantasy Literature, Crime and Detective Fiction, and many more. Students also have the opportunity to take courses in linguistics and writing; courses in these subjects include, but are not limited to, History and Structure of the English Language, Advanced Composition, and Creative Writing.

Secondary Education Program

Missouri S&T students may earn a certificate to teach in the secondary schools of Missouri while pursuing a B.A. degree in English. Many surrounding states have reciprocal agreements with Missouri in respect to certification requirements. In most other states students may obtain temporary certification that allows them to teach until the requirements of that particular state have been completed.

The Missouri S&T education program promotes a balance between the humanities and professional competence in teaching. The program may be completed in four academic years. Students pursuing a B.A. degree in English can take the PRAXIS Exam to qualify for other endorsement areas aside from the certification in English. This provides an option that may increase professional teaching opportunities. Students may enter the English Teacher Education Program as early as their first semester. All of the coursework required for this program is available on the Missouri S&T campus. Student teaching experiences are arranged with local public schools within 30 miles of the campus.

To qualify for certification, students must have a minimum ACT composite score of 22 as well as a 265 C-BASE score in each area (including the composite score), a passing PRAXIS scores and a 2.5 or greater cumulative GPA. Each student must submit a portfolio and submit a background check, fingerprinting and complete all required coursework.

Degree Options and Minors

Bachelor of Arts, English
Bachelor of Arts, English, Secondary Education
Bachelor of Science, Technical Communication
Master of Arts, English, cooperative with UMSL
Master of Science, Technical Communication
Minor, American Studies
Minor, Literature
Minor, Writing
Minor, Technical Communication
Minor, Literature and Film

Campus Publications and Student Organizations

As an English major you will have the opportunity to join the writing staffs of campus publications. Missouri S&T students publish a student newspaper, *The Missouri Miner* and a literary magazine, *Southwinds*. English majors and minors also have the opportunity to participate in the Sigma Tau Delta honor society and may enter in an annual research conference held on campus each spring.

Entry Level Job Titles

- Copy Writer
- High School or University English Teacher
- Positions in Student Affairs or Student Life
- Information or Communications Specialist
- Management Trainee
- Marketing or Advertising Assistant
- Public Relations Assistant
- Publishing or Editorial Assistant
- Technical Writer or Editor

Scholarships

Several \$500-\$1,000 scholarships for new freshmen, sophomore, junior, senior and transfer students. Some may require an additional application.

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Faculty

Professor and Chair:

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Associate Professors:

Anne Cotterill, Ph.D., Washington University St. Louis

Ed Malone, Ph.D., Southern Illinois

Kate Drowne, Ph.D., North Carolina

Kathryn Northcut, Ph.D., Texas Tech

Trent Watts, Ph.D., University of Chicago

Assistant Professors:

Daniel Reardon, D.A. University of New York- Albany

David Wright, Ph.D., Oklahoma State

Eric Bryan, Ph.D., St Louis University

Assistant Teaching Professors:

Fred Ekstam, M.S., University of Missouri- St. Louis

Kelly Tate, M.F.A., University of Arkansas

Matt Goldberg, M.A., University of Arkansas

Olivia Burgess, Ph.D., Texas A&M University

Lecturers:

Alexander Wulff, M.A., University of Illinois-Chicago

Clara Ichord, M.A., Drury University

Jossalyn Larson, M.A., St. Louis University

Lynise Lassiter, M.A., Oakland University

Randall Arthur, M.A., Ball State University

Emeritus Professors:

Elizabeth Cummins, Ph.D., Illinois

Gene Doty, M.A., Emporia State University

James Wise, Ph.D., Florida

John Morgan, M.A., University of Kansas

Nicholas Knight, Ph.D., Missouri-Columbia

Co-op and Internship Availability

Co-op and summer intern programs are available to students.

These programs provide students with the opportunity to integrate their classroom studies with learning through productive work experiences in a field related to a student's academic or career goals.

Moeller Writing Center & Center for Writing Technologies

The goal of the Moeller Writing Center is to help students write more effectively in any course and at any stage of the writing process. Tutors are trained, talented students who assist fellow students in drafting any writing assignment; they help students evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of their work and suggest some possible strategies for increasing the effectiveness of their composition. Services are free to Missouri S&T students.

Some of the best writers at Missouri S&T use the Moeller Writing Center on a regular basis because they understand the many benefits of sharing their writing with an experienced tutor before submitting it to their professor.

The Center for Writing Technologies is a state-of-the-art Computer Learning Center equipped with group writing stations, laser printers, and scanners. It has desktop publishing and word processing software packages for any class. A lab monitor keeps the facility open during the evening hours for student use.

Notes

Detailed information on course equivalencies, acceptable credits for elective coursework, grade requirements and prerequisites is available from Missouri S&T's Registrar's Office at <http://registrar.mst.edu>.

Bachelor of Arts

English 120 credit hours

General B.A. Core Requirements

	Credit
Composition and Communication..... 6 (English, Speech)	6
History.....6 (Western Civilization)	6
Math and Natural Sciences 12 (Geology, Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Mathematics)	12
Foreign Language 12-16	12-16
Social Sciences..... 12 (Psychology, Political Science, Sociology, Economics)	12
Humanities.....6 (Art, Music, Theater, Philosophy,)	6
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English Degree Requirements

English electives 24 (English, Literature, etc.)	24
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Minor Requirements and Electives

Minor Requirements.....12-18	12-18
Electives..... varies	varies
**minor requirements and elective courses required until student reaches a total of: 120 credit hours	

Bachelor of Arts, Emphasis Area in Secondary Education

English 124 credit hours

General B.A. Core Requirements

	Credit
Composition and Communication..... 9 (English, Speech)	9
Math and Natural Sciences 10 (Geology, Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Mathematics)	10
Social Sciences..... 15 (History, Psychology, Political Science, Sociology)	15
Humanities and Foreign Language 12 (Art, Music, Theater, Philosophy, Literature)	12
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English Degree Requirements

English electives 36 (English, Literature)	36
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Professional Requirements

Educ 1040-Perspectives in Education..... 2	2
Educ 1174-School Org and Admin for Elem/Sec Teachers 2	2
Educ 2216-Teaching Reading in Content Area 3	3
Educ 2251-Historical Found of Amer Educ..... 3	3
Educ 3280-Teaching Methods and Skills in Content Area.. 6	6
Educ 4298-Student Teaching Seminar..... 1	1
Psych 2300-Educational Psychology 3	3
Psych 3311-Psychological and Ed Devel of Adolescent..... 3	3
Psych 4310-Psychology of Exceptional Child..... 3	3
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Clinical Experience

Educ 1104-Teacher Field Experience 2	2
Educ 1164-Aiding Elem, Mid & Sec Schools..... 2	2
Educ 4299-Student Teaching..... 12	12
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