English

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The English Department provides a major that not only grants a broad introduction to a range of literary and cultural study and creative activities, but also allows students to work more intensely in particular subfields of the discipline, including literary history, critical theory, film and cultural studies, linguistics, and creative writing. A major in English develops skills in reading, critical thinking, and writing. A degree in English is not intended to provide specific vocational training but rather to give a broad, open-ended education that can lead to many different careers, especially those requiring excellent communication skills and analytical thinking.

Recent graduates have gone on to careers in teaching, publishing, television, film, advertising, public relations, insurance, and government. In addition, English is excellent preparation for graduate or professional schools such as law and business.

The department offers BA, MA, and PhD degrees with majors in English. Two minors are also available, the English minor and the English writing minor.

Faculty


Associate Professor Emeritus H. Hinkel*, D. G. Hunt*, M. Patton*, G. Swan

Curators’ Professor Emeritus E. Lawless**

* Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master’s thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.

** Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate

• BA in English (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate-collegeofartsandscience/english/ba_english)

• Minor in English (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate-collegeofartsandscience/english/minor-english)

Departmental Honors

To graduate with honors in English, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and a GPA of 3.3 in English courses and successfully complete ENGLISH 4996 and ENGLISH 4995. Students wishing to enroll in these courses must complete an application process in January of their junior year. More information is available from the Director of Undergraduate Studies or the department’s Academic Advisor.

Graduate

• MA in English (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate-collegeofartsandscience/english/ma-english)

• PhD in English (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate-collegeofartsandscience/english/ma-english)

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About the Program

With more than one hundred M.A. and Ph.D students and about 500 undergraduates, we are one of the largest and most diverse departments on the Columbia campus. We offer a wide range of courses in British and American Literature and Creative Writing, as well as special emphases in African Diaspora Studies, Critical Theory, English Language and Linguistics, Folklore and Oral Tradition, and Rhetoric and Composition.

Subject Areas

Lecture courses, seminars and directed research are available in British and American language and literature, creative writing, folklore and oral tradition, critical theory, rhetoric and composition, language and linguistics, and African diaspora studies.

Funding

Students admitted to the graduate program usually receive a fellowship or teaching assistantship. Outstanding applicants will also be eligible to compete for a variety of college and university fellowships. The deadline for applications to both the MA and PhD programs is January 1. Announcements of awards are made by early April.

Publications Experience

Students will also have the opportunity to assist faculty in editing The Missouri Review, a nationally recognized journal of fiction, poetry and essays; Oral Tradition, the only journal involved in the comparative study of oral traditions; The Eighteenth Century Novel; and The Journal for Early Modern Cultural Studies.