

Winthrop University

DEPARTMENT OF

English

The discipline known as "English" embraces a wide range of interests; as an English student, you'll read literature written in the English language, study language and rhetoric, create new works of literature, or practice the pedagogy of teaching literature.

The Department of English welcomes students like you who have interests in all of these areas and offers preparation for graduate study and professional employment in a variety of fields. We focus on close interaction between students and faculty, with multiple opportunities for students to pursue undergraduate research and internships, study abroad, and scholarship and award opportunities.



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Professor and Chair, Department of English

Welcome to Winthrop University's Department of English! Here you'll find professors and students who love to read and who love to write. What we do in the Department of English is not only intellectually and emotionally fulfilling; it also is important. The world is changing, and as you prepare for the mysterious job market of the 21st century, it is good not simply to write well, but to be an excellent writer; not simply to read quickly and fluently, but to have the capability to read and comprehend any document, no matter how complex; not simply to understand the dilemmas of life and work, but to develop the ability to think critically about seemingly impossible problems.

Recent studies continue to show that employers are looking for humanities majors because of their reading, writing, and thinking skills, and you can gain those here. We also pride ourselves on the individual attention and mentoring that we give to each student, and on offering a myriad of courses that will both challenge and inspire you.

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Quick Facts

165

English majors

\$10k

in scholarship money awarded to English students to study abroad in 2015-2016

100%

job placement rate for students who major in English education

Degree Programs

Bachelor of Arts in English

- Language and Literature Track
- English Education Track (Secondary Education Certification)
- Writing Track (Creative Emphasis or Professional Writing Emphasis)

Minor in English

Minor in Writing
(Creative or Professional Emphasis)

Master of Arts in English

Co-curricular experiences open to all English majors

- Tutoring Experience in the Writing Center
- Study Abroad Opportunities
- Internships: Editing, Grant Writing, Law Firms

"The skills I learned helped me grow into the professional that I am today, one who consistently questions accepted norms and understands that the key to **success** in the working world is the ability to back up ideas with logic, and to **communicate these positions effectively.**"

-English Alumni

Extra-curricular activities open to all English majors

- Annual Shakespeare Trip to Staunton, Virginia
- Costumes and Trick-or-Treating on the Hall at Halloween
- The Literary Society and Sigma Tau Delta: National Council of Teachers in English (NCTE) Trips

Freshman Class Schedule

ACAD 101	Introduces first-year students to the concepts, resources, and skills necessary for successful higher learning and facilitates the student's adjustment to the learning academy.
WRIT 101	Introduces students to college-level, thesis-driven, research-based writing. Focus on planning, organizing, and developing persuasive essays.
ENGL 203	Study of the major periods, literary forms, and issues that characterize British literature, with a consideration of representative major works and authors over the course of British literary history.
ENGL 211	Study of the major periods, literary forms, and issues that characterize American literature, with a consideration of representative major works and authors over the course of American literary history.
ENGL 291	Prepares students for university-level English studies by introducing and reinforcing basic strategies of literary analysis, including essay composition, research methods, documentation requirements, literary terms, critical theory, and periodicity. The course also provides practical instruction in how to navigate the choices available to the English major, including selecting electives and tracks, writing resumes, applying to graduate school, applying for internships and scholarships, preparing for careers after graduation, and tutoring.

"I am much more prepared than many of my teaching peers.

I know more about literature in general, have read a larger variety and number of texts, and, **because of excellent mentors**, have stronger teaching skills than many of my peers. I believe that Winthrop's **teaching faculty are among the best in the country** and work to make sure their students are prepared to read and **think critically, write well, and speak intelligently** about literature and other topics."

-English Alumni

Scholarship Opportunities

The **Geraldine Trammell Hurley Fellowships for Study and Travel** provide financial support for academic study and travel opportunities for undergraduate students majoring in English. These opportunities may include support for study abroad at international institutions (such as the Oxford University Summer School in England or the Yeats Summer School in Ireland) or support for independent student research. Students have used these fellowships, made possible by the generosity of the Hurley family, to study in England, Scotland, Ireland, France, and Spain, as well as to travel widely in Europe, China, and the United States.

Cynthia Furr & McAllister Furr Price Scholarship: This fund was established to honor the memory of our dear colleague Dr. Cynthia Furr and her daughter McAllister and will help continue Dr. Furr's devotion to the advancement of English education students. Every April, the scholarship will be awarded to an English education major who demonstrates both academic promise and financial need.

Students in the Department of English are eligible to receive the **J. Spratt and Sandra Hagler White Scholarship**. This renewable scholarship is provided to students majoring in English and for student and faculty travel to conferences, lectures, and seminars.

For more information: www.winthrop.edu/cas/english



"There is no underestimating the value of critical reading and writing. The English department coursework I took prepared me well for the writing, speaking, and synthesizing of information required in any of my positions."

-English Alumni

Potential Careers In English

Attorney
Teacher, Principal
Novelist
Children's Book Author
Screenwriter
Speechwriter
Editor
Technical Writer
Webpage Content Creator
Digital and Social Marketing Director
Social Media Consultant
Small Business Owner
Strategic Board Game Writer/Designer
Creator of Tabletop Role Playing Manuals
Video Game Writer
Comic Book Author
Journalist, Staff Writer
College Professor
Technical College Professor
Administrator, Dean, Provost, University President
Pastor, Missionary

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