

ENGLISH AND CREATIVE WRITING

If reading or writing is your strongest skill and greatest pleasure, consider what Wichita State University's Department of English can provide.

We offer three 33-hour bachelor's degree programs: literature; creative writing; and teaching secondary English. Each of the programs requires you take core literature courses which provide background in the great works that have shaped the western literary tradition; give a basic understanding of the craft of poetry, drama and fiction; and introduce the essentials of the language used to transmit the experience of the literary imagination. Mastery of the core courses in each of the tracks will give you the confidence you need in approaching literary works and will develop your skills in analysis and writing. A faculty advisor will help you design the electives you want to build into your major to suit your career objectives and intellectual interests.

Options within the department include a wide range of courses in British and American literature, film and linguistics, and in the craft of writing fiction, poetry, and nonfiction. The 33-hour major in literature or creative writing is designed to allow students to double major in a related

program, such as history, philosophy, communication, or a foreign language. It will give you a background in the type of writing and thinking that marks the well-rounded, classically educated student equipped with the communications skills employers value and an understanding and appreciation for literature.

The literature track consists of a 21-hour core, including one genre course, historical surveys of world, British and American literature, and 12 hours of elective courses in topics like African-American literature, the major plays of Shakespeare or studies in comparative literature.

The creative writing program includes a 15-hour core of classes; six hours in another area of emphasis, such as literature or linguistics and—the heart of the writing major—at least 12 hours of workshops in the student's chosen genre—fiction, poetry, playwriting, or nonfiction. Writing students may also study in special one-month tutorials with visiting distinguished writers—novelists, short story writers and poets—who are nationally acclaimed for their publications.

The English teaching major is a 33-hour program designed to meet the

State of Kansas licensure requirements to teach at the middle and secondary level. It requires a 12-hour core in literature and includes further work in composition, linguistics, literature and related fields, as well as requirements of the College of Education.

Admission

When you choose to study English, you will be admitted to the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. You will be assigned a faculty advisor in the English department who will help you develop your program of study.

If you are still deciding on a major when you start at Wichita State, the Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Center can help you explore career and major options.

Related Opportunities

The English degree is a versatile liberal arts program. Medical and law schools, for example, recognize the value of an English degree as a background for professional training.

If eligible, you may be selected for University academic honor societies such as Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, or Sigma Tau Delta, the national English honorary.

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The General Education Program is an integral component of every degree at Wichita State University. These courses make up about one third of any degree. The goals of the General Education program are:

- **To study and apply mathematical principles;**
- **To study and apply principles of written and oral communication;**
- **To study and apply basic library research skills including basic assessment of various kinds of sources;**
- **To study the natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, humanities and fine arts in order to understand how scholars in those fields work;**
- **To study human diversity and its implications for society on a global basis.**

Successful completion of the General Education Program and LAS College requirements provides knowledge and skills leading to life-long learning in an ever-changing global world.

Descriptions of the General Education Program and of the courses that are included in it are available both in the *University Catalog* and in the *Schedule of Courses*. These documents are available both in hard copy form and online at the WSU Web site: www.wichita.edu. Click on "Browse A-Z" and use C for the *Catalog* and S for the *Schedule of Courses* menu option, and then select "General Education."

When you enter the university, you will work with an academic advisor to select general education courses for your major and your degree choice.

For More Information

To receive more information or to arrange a campus visit, contact:

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Major Requirements*

Requirements for all English majors:

- Origins of Western Literature or World Literature I; The Nature of Poetry; The Nature of Drama, or The Nature of Fiction.

Additional requirements for English language and literature majors:

- Major British Writers I and II, Major American Writers I and II; Senior Seminar
- Plus four other courses in English, including two at the 500 level or above.

Additional requirements for creative writing majors:

- Introduction to Creative Writing; Introduction to English Linguistics
- Plus four courses selected from the following:
Fiction Writing; Poetry Writing; Fiction Workshop; Poetry Workshop; Creative Writing Nonfiction; Playwriting I and II, Writer's Tutorial: Prose Fiction, Writer's Tutorial: Poetry
- Plus two upper-division courses from any emphasis within English

Additional requirements for students planning to teach English in secondary schools:

- History of the English Language; Theory and Practice in Composition; Major Plays of Shakespeare; Major American Writers I and II; Major British Writers I or II; African-American Literature or American Multicultural Literature
- Plus requirements in the College of Education

*Some of the courses listed in Major Requirements will count toward the LAS General Education requirements.

The University reserves the right to revise or change rules, charges, fees, schedules, courses, requirements for degrees, and any other regulations affecting students whenever considered necessary or desirable.

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