

ENGLISH

bachelor of arts

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

In a world where the career specialist is becoming the next generation's unemployed, English majors are reasserting their historical position among the most educated and employable graduates in the marketplace today. Business, law, education, and the ever increasing markets for good writers and editors all seek well-read, well-spoken graduates possessing a knowledge of literature, a strong grasp of history, and the skills of inquiry and analysis.

ADVANTAGE UIS

- **Faculty Depth and Breadth.** We have romanticists, Medievalists, and historians of the British novel. We have outstanding authors, playwrights and poets. We have authorities on Shakespeare, Chaucer, Dickens, Poe and William Maxwell. We have experts on European literature, women's literature, modernism, American literature, composition theory, literary theory, and more. Learn from the pros.
- **Focus.** You'll earn a conventional degree in English but you'll develop a specialization in English Literature, American Literature, Writing, or English and Teacher Education. Or you can design your own, less traditional course of study. No matter what your focus, you'll leave with the highly developed critical thinking skills of an English major and the ability to express complex ideas with clarity and skill.

English Alive! There are no passive participants in this program. Take advantage of opportunities to share your creative writing talents through *The Alchemist's Review*, a 30-year literary tradition at UIS. UIS also hosts the annual Verbal Arts Festival, a weeklong series of events celebrating language and expression.

Touch the future.

We are proud of our graduates who go on to teach the next generation. They major in English and minor in Teacher Education and leave with their Illinois certification.

Online Option

We offer the English bachelor's degree entirely online for those students who need more flexibility in their schedules. You work at your own pace, on your own time. The technology allows you to actively participate in dynamic, diverse, and interactive online learning communities.

What can I do with this degree?

Many of our graduates have gone on to pursue advanced education in English at the Master's and Doctoral levels as well as degrees in Law and Medicine. Our graduates also work in state government, business, publishing, advertising, marketing, writing, editing, journalism, public relations, and teaching at all levels.

Recent Employers include:

Smithsonian Institution
Washington University
University of Illinois
Heartland Community College
Pana, IL Unit 8 School District
Northern Illinois University Press
Professional Software Consultants
Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education
Illinois State Historical Society
Pontiac Public Library

Club Well Read.

English majors can have fun while developing writing, editing, and public speaking skills in two affiliated student organizations: The Literati oversee every phase of producing *The Alchemist Review*, and English Club hosts open mic night and other social events.

Wise Words

Maureen Skube '03
English Program Graduate Assistant

"Completing my English B.A. at UIS has allowed me to gain skills and courage to reach for goals I once believed were beyond me. My professors nurtured my work with positive suggestions and compassionate guidance. Entering the English Master's Program now feels more like a natural transition than the impossible dream I once thought."

Degree candidates in English may develop one of several specializations for a conventional degree in English or American literature or writing or may design a personalized and less traditional course of study. Some students may wish to select courses especially helpful to classroom teachers. Others prepare for careers in writing and editing by taking courses offered by English and other UIS programs. Students interested in writing and editing may take basic courses in other programs in fields that generate publications (e.g., communications, environmental studies, political studies, and economics). Students interested in teaching English at the secondary level may seek Illinois state teacher certification.

Faculty Barbara Burkhardt, Donna Alfano Bussell, Bill Carpenter, Sara Cordell, Lan Dong, Tena Helton, Ethan Lewis, Livinus Odozor, James Ottery, Nancy Perkins

Emeritus faculty Dennis Camp, Judith Everson, Norman Hinton, Jackie Jackson, John Knoepfle, Charles Schweighauser, Richard Shereikis

Associated faculty Kemau Kemayo, Rosina Neginsky, Annette Van Dyke

Entrance requirements for on-campus program

The on-campus B.A. program is open to any student who qualifies for admission to UIS.

Online English Program

The online English Program, which is identical to the on-campus program except for entrance requirements, allows students to participate in dynamic, diverse, and interactive online learning communities and to complete their degrees in their own time and at their own pace via the Internet. The online format enables them to complete coursework using the latest networked information technologies for increased access to educational resources, advisers, and materials.

Entrance requirements for online program

To apply to enter the online English program, a student must have:

- a minimum of 30 credit hours at the lower-division (freshman/sophomore) level
- a grade-point average of 3.00 or higher (on a 4.00 scale) from an accredited college or university
- six semester hours of English composition, earning at least a "C" grade in the second composition course
- two literature courses (for a total of 6-8 semester hours)
- access to the Internet, and
- computer skills necessary to study online.

Requirements for both on-campus and off-campus programs

ENG 301 Introduction to the Discipline	4 Hrs.
ENG 311 Literary Study and Research	4 Hrs.
ENG 489 Capstone to Literary Study	4 Hrs.
At least one course in British literature	4 Hrs.
At least one course in American literature	4 Hrs.
At least one ENG course ending in 50-89 (writing and other courses)	4 Hrs.
ENG electives	12 Hrs.
Total ENG hours	36 Hrs.
UIS requirements	13 Hrs.
General electives (<i>eight hours of which must be in areas distinctly outside English</i>)	12 Hrs.
Total	61 Hrs.

ENG 301 Introduction to the Discipline, ENG 311 Literary Criticism and Theory, and ENG 489 Capstone to Literary Study are required of all undergraduate majors, and both are offered regularly. Students take ENG 311 soon after admission to the program. Completing ENG 311 satisfies the campus requirement for communication skills. Students take ENG 489 during their senior year after completing most coursework. Juniors are expected to enroll in 300- or 400-level courses; however, seniors may petition instructors for admission to select 500-level English courses.

Applied study

In consultation with their advisers, English majors may select from a variety of challenging applied study term (AST) experiences at local agencies, publishers, or historical sites. Students may also choose a creative writing project as an AST.

English/teacher education

English majors can be certified to teach at the elementary or secondary level. Students must apply separately to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) and should consult the teacher education section of this catalog. Students seeking certification will be assigned both an English adviser and a TEP adviser, whom they should consult regularly to make sure they satisfy requirements for both the major and certification.

English minor

ENG 301 Introduction to the Discipline	4 Hrs.
ENG 311 Literary Study and Research	4 Hrs.
One British literature course	4 Hrs.
One American literature course	4 Hrs.
One writing and/or other course ending in 50-89	4 Hrs.
Total	20 Hrs.

Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE Requirement) 300-400 level

All undergraduate students are required to take a minimum of 13 hours in the following categories which reflect UIS' heritage, mission, vision and values: **U.S. Communities - 3 hrs.;** **Global Awareness - 3 hrs.;** **Engagement Experience - 3 hrs.;** **ECCE Elective - 3 hrs.;** **Speaker Series - 1 hr.**

Visit our website for more information on

- Technology needs for online students
- Transfer Credit policy
- Advising
- UIS Admission and Bachelor's degree requirements
- Financial Assistance

To view course descriptions

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