English teaches you the skills employers want.

An English degree on your resumé signals that you can read, write, think critically, think creatively, and engage with complex ideas.

- Surveys by the Association of American Colleges and Universities and the Chronicle of Higher Education find that employers most value critical thinking, effective written and oral communication, and the ability to think clearly about complex problems.
- NBC News highlights writing as the skill employers want most.
- Forbes magazine lists critical thinking as the top skill that will get you hired.

**English Major Requirements**

11 English courses, including:
- ENGL 200, ENGL 201, and ENGL 202
- A pre-1660 course
- A pre-1900 course
- A transnational course
- A capstone

**English Minor Requirements**

6 English courses, including:
- ENGL 200, 201, or 202
- At least 4 courses at the 300 or 400 level

**Our most popular upper-level courses include:**
- ENGL 302: Advanced Fiction Workshop
- ENGL 307: Writing for Print and Online Media
- ENGL 320: Memoir and Autobiography
- ENGL 334: Science Fiction
- ENGL 382: William Shakespeare’s Early Works
- ENGL 352: The Harlem Renaissance
- ENGL 440: History of the English Language
- ENGL 475: Literature of the American Civil War
- ENGL 489: Terrorism and the Novel

Express your passion for literature, film, digital media, and graphic texts—while you hone “in demand” reading, writing, creativity, and critical thinking skills.

**Clubs and Activities**
- The Watermark, UMass Boston’s literary magazine
- The Mass Media, UMass Boston’s student newspaper
- The English Department’s Literary Theory Reading Group
- The English Department’s Writers’ Community
- Sigma Tau Delta, the national English honor society

**Career Paths of Some of Our Graduates**
- Social media and web writers
- Magazine editors
- CEOs at nonprofit organizations
- Environmental writers
- Lawyers
- Pursue graduate study at
  - Harvard University
  - Indiana University
  - University of California
  - University of South Carolina
  - University of Toronto
- Teach English at
  - University of Connecticut
  - Queens College Ontario
  - Massachusetts Bay Community College
  - Boston College High School

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Come sample courses offered by the English Department and find out what inspires you. If you love language and writing, take our courses in creative writing or professional and new media writing. If you love literature, take our courses in American, British, or world literature. You'll deepen your skills in critical perception, interpretation, and communication.

Together we'll explore:
- provocative themes
- great writers
- exciting literary art
- analytical writing
- creative writing
- new media writing

The English major provides excellent preparation for careers in many fields:
- advertising
- editing
- journalism
- law
- media writing
- public relations
- teaching

You have multiple options:
1) You can major in English.
2) You can declare English as your major and specify a concentration.
3) You can minor in English.
4) You can minor in any of our five concentrations:
   - Creative Writing
   - Professional and New Media Writing
   - Irish Studies
   - Literary History
   - Transnational and Multiethnic Literatures

And you can pursue our Teacher Licensure Program or Tutoring Program.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Creative Writing
Do you dream of being a novelist, poet, or playwright? If you like to write fiction, poetry, and/or plays, this program will expand your creativity. English majors who complete four approved courses in creative writing earn a concentration in creative writing. Non–English majors may earn a minor in creative writing by taking four creative writing courses and three upper-level literature courses. A small number of seniors are selected each year to pursue honors in creative writing.
Contact Prof. Nadia Nurhussein: nadia.nurhussein@umb.edu

Professional and New Media Writing
Would you like to edit a magazine, write feature articles, or compose ad copy? Our Professional and New Media Writing Program could be a great match for your writing skills. The program requires six courses, including editing and media writing courses, and ends in a ten- to twenty-hour internship—a hands-on, on-the-job experience. Recent interns have worked at the Boston Globe, Boston Spirit magazine, and the Biogen Idec Corporation.
Contact Prof. Matt Davis: matthew.davis@umb.edu

Irish Studies
Are you fascinated by Irish literature and history? This interdisciplinary program covers major aspects of Irish and Irish-American culture from ancient times to the present. You'll study acclaimed writers like James Joyce, genres like the short story in modern Ireland, and political and social developments in Ireland.
Contact Prof. Thomas O'Grady: thomas.ogrady@umb.edu

Literary History
Do you love to read literature and connect it to its cultural contexts? If you like thinking about how and why a culture creates literature, this program is for you. You'll study literature dating from before 1900, including revered works and some recently rediscovered. This program offers excellent preparation for applying to graduate school.
Contact Prof. Cheryl Nixon: cheryl.nixon@umb.edu

Transnational and Multiethnic Literatures
Would you like to explore global literature and study abroad? This program explores literatures that cross national, ethnic, racial, and cultural boundaries. If you want to experience the global reach of literature, this program will help you arrange study abroad.
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Teacher Licensure
Do you want to pursue a career as a teacher? This program prepares you for initial licensure as an Elementary/Early Childhood and Secondary English teacher. You'll take a sequence of courses that focus on literacy, language, and pedagogy. Upon successful completion of this sequence, along with required education courses and the Massachusetts licensure exams, you may apply for initial teaching licensure.
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Tutoring
Would you like to help support new college students? This program offers English majors the opportunity to assist first-year composition students in developing their writing. Tutors work with designated sections of ENGL 101 and 102 while taking a Seminar for Tutors course (offered only in the fall semester). Selection of tutors is based on faculty recommendations and writing samples.
Contact Prof. Matt Davis: matthew.davis@umb.edu

Senior Honors
Are you ready to break new scholarly ground? This program is a two-semester sequence for senior English majors with an outstanding academic record. If you are accepted into the program, you undertake a year-long research and writing project, generally a 25–40-page thesis engaging with a literary, cultural, or pedagogical issue.
Contact Prof. Len von Morzé: leonard.vonmorze@umb.edu

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