



## Duluth Campus

## English B.A.

English

### College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2023
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 37 to 38
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The English major develops student knowledge of literature and culture within English, American, and global contexts. Our students learn to read perceptively, think critically and creatively, write clearly and effectively, and engage meaningfully with the complex societies in which they live.

As a liberal arts program, the English major provides students with both knowledge and a set of transferable skills valued in a wide range of professions. While some UMD English graduates each year go on to teach English or attend graduate school in English, the majority find employment in other fields. Recent graduates of UMD's English program have been accepted in various courses of graduate study including law, medicine, business, neuroscience, theology, and library science. Other graduates have found success in the following fields and roles: small business owner, editor, producer of plays, health claims representative, sales consultant, office manager, journalist, writer, property manager, bookkeeper, and assistant account executive.

Honors Requirements: Candidates must have a 3.20 overall GPA and 3.40 in the major. An honors paper or creative writing project must be completed in a 4xxx course or through independent study. Completed projects and papers must be approved by a sponsoring faculty member and the department honors committee. Students who wish to qualify for honors must contact the department at least one semester before graduation.

## Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

## Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

## General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the [Liberal Education Program](#).
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

## Program Requirements

1. A second field of study (e.g. minor, major, degree) is required for this major.
2. You do not need to take Advanced writing. This requirement is met by courses within the major.

3. Global experience is a UMD goal for all students and international study is encouraged. Talk with an academic or faculty advisor to explore academic options for fulfilling some degree requirements through study abroad.

### Learning in Community (1 cr)

The Learning in Community requirement will be waived for transfer students with at least 30 credits taken post high school and for UMD students who started in a UMD program where this was not required. First-year students who have completed 30 PSEO credits may request a waiver to the students primary college.

[UST 1000](#) - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

or [EHS 1000](#) - Into the World [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

or [ES 1000](#) - Global Cultural Perspectives on Environmental Sustainability [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

or [LING 1000](#) - Language and Culture in the U.S. What does it Mean to Speak American [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

or [PSY 1100](#) - Living Your Best Life: Applying Positive Psychology [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

### Introductory Foundations (3-4 cr)

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

• [ENGL 1535](#) - King Arthur in History, Literature, and Art [LE CAT, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 1582](#) - Introduction to World Literatures [LE CAT, HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 1583](#) - Introductory Study of Major Topics in Contemporary African Literature [LE CAT, HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 1585](#) - Australian and New Zealand Literature and Culture [LE CAT, HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 1666](#) - Tales of Terror [LE CAT, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 1777](#) - Crime and Detective Fiction [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 1818](#) - Science Fiction in Film and Literature [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 1907](#) - Introduction to Literature [LE CAT, HUMANITIES] (3.0 cr)

• [ENGL 2333](#) - Harry Potter: Texts and Contexts [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 2535](#) - The Bible in Literature, Art and History [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 2571](#) - Contemporary Literature [LE CAT, HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 2601](#) - Reading Film [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 2800](#) - Nature Writing [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)

• ENGL 1xxx-2xxx

### Core (5 cr)

[ENGL 2906](#) - Methods of Literary Study (4.0 cr)

[ENGL 4909](#) - Senior Portfolio (1.0 cr)

### English Literature Foundations (16 cr)

Take four courses from among the following four areas. One course from the American and British Literature Survey areas are required. ENGL 4591 (Independent Study) and ENGL 4595 (Special Topics) may apply to an area with departmental approval.

#### American Literature Survey

Take 1 - 2 course(s) from the following:

• [ENGL 3563](#) - American Literature I [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 3564](#) - American Literature II [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 3573](#) - Survey of African American Literature [HUMANITIES, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)

#### British Literature Survey

Take 1 - 2 course(s) from the following:

• [ENGL 3501](#) - British Literature I [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 3502](#) - British Literature II [HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)

#### Early Period Literature

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:

• [ENGL 3223](#) - Shakespeare [LE CAT, HUMANITIES] (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4222](#) - Shakespeare (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4295](#) - Special Topics in Early Period Literature (Various Titles to be Assigned) (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4312](#) - Chaucer (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4533](#) - Studies in English Literature Before 1800 (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4541](#) - Restoration and 18th-Century Literature (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4572](#) - American Renaissance (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4574](#) - Studies in American Literature to 1914 (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4661](#) - Publishing the Middle Ages (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4662](#) - The Making of a Major Author: The Scholarly Edition in 17th- and 18th-Century England (4.0 cr)

#### Later Period Literature

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:

• [ENGL 3574](#) - Reconstituting the Past in African Diaspora Literature (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4395](#) - Special Topics in Late-Period Literature (various titles to be assigned) (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4562](#) - Studies in 19th-Century British Literature (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4564](#) - Studies in British Literature after 1900 (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4575](#) - Studies in American Literature after 1914 (4.0 cr)

• [ENGL 4584](#) - Mapping Postcolonial Literature (4.0 cr)



- ENGL 4663 - Readers and the History of Books (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4665 - The American Literary Marketplace (4.0 cr)

#### **Genre and Media Studies Foundations (4 cr)**

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

- ENGL 3115 - Writing Fiction (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 3121 - Writing Poetry (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 3333 - Children's Literature: Texts and Contexts (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 3411 - The Modern Short Story (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 3605 - The Irish Landscape in Science and Literature - Study Abroad [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4292 - Literature into Film (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4300 - Shakespeare in England - Study Abroad [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4375 - Drama (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4270 - Digital Literature, Video Games and Online Culture (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4374 - Modern Poetry (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4495 - Special Topics in Genre and Media Studies (various titles to be assigned) (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4580 - The Novel (4.0 cr)

#### **Supporting Foundations (8 cr)**

Choose from the 4xxx courses listed above that are not fulfilling other requirements as well as from the following courses. Students may apply a maximum of 4 credits from the Optional Experience area to this requirement. This requirement excludes ENGL 4901, 4902, 4922, 4931.

Take 1 - 2 course(s) from the following:

- ENGL 4802 - English Language for Educators (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4116 - Advanced Writing of Fiction (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4122 - Advanced Writing of Poetry (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4444 - Childhood in Literature, History and Culture (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4577 - Major American Authors (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4821 - History of the English Language (4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4xxx

#### **Optional Experience**

Take 0 - 4 credit(s) from the following:

- ENGL 4097 - Internship for English Majors (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4591 - Independent Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- ENGL 4595 - Special Topics: (Various Titles to be Assigned) (4.0 cr)