English – Bachelor of Arts

Our English major offers students many opportunities. Beyond providing critical thinking and close reading skills, our major prepares students for a variety of post-college possibilities including graduate school, professional school, and careers in diverse fields like medicine, writing, publishing, law, government, business, education, and film.

Our Mission: As scholars, students, and teachers, we strive to be engaged, compassionate, curious learners and to engender the same passion in every student we teach. The critical study of texts, languages, and textual production is vital for our development as critical thinkers, effective communicators, and thoughtful community members. As a department, we offer these interdisciplinary experiences in diverse but complementary areas of study.

Undergraduate concentrations available in
- Creative Writing (NEW! Started Fall 2019)
- Film Studies
- Folklife and Southern Culture
- Literature
- Professional Writing

The English minor works alongside any major to improve your ability to think logically, write clearly, communicate effectively, organize information persuasively, and interpret language in a precise way. Students pursuing a minor in English only need to take five English courses beyond what NSU's core curriculum requires.

Our minors in French and Spanish expose students to the study and teaching of the languages, literatures, and cultures of Spanish-and French-speaking countries. The richness of their cultures is amply represented in the extensive range of courses offered in language, linguistics, and literature. A minor in a foreign language is attractive to prospective employers. Students prepared in foreign languages will have the skills appropriate for careers in education, law, medicine, translation, or interpretation.

Job Readiness
While in school, we offer an Internship Program to help our majors prepare for the world of work. After graduation, our undergraduate degree prepares our students for a wide range of careers. Our graduates have gone on to work at multinational corporations, become editors at major publishing houses, lawyers, io published authors, and teach at the high school and college levels. Our graduates have been nominated for the Pushcart Prize for poetry and won such esteemed awards as James Beard Foundation Awards for cookbooks.
Study Abroad!
Immerse yourself in a different culture while still pursuing your degree at NSU. Study abroad with us at the University of Angers or Toulon in France, the University of Quintana Roo in Mexico, or the University of Alicante in Spain! All coursework is in English, so while a knowledge of French or Spanish will certainly be helpful, it is not required. All NSU financial aid applies to any study abroad, and you can still take NSU courses online. You can study abroad for a semester, a year, or join our month-long program during the summer.

Cool Courses
- Advanced Poetry Writing
- Chicana/Chicano Literature
- Contemporary Southern Writers
- Digital Culture
- Film, Gender, and Sexuality
- Folk and Fairy Tales
- Literature and Culture: Piracy
- Reading Blackness
- Teaching Young Adult Literature
- Plus opportunities for internships!

Department-affiliated Student Groups
- Argus literary and art magazine
- Brainy Acts Poetry Society (BAPS), a spoken word poetry group
- Demon Writers’ Guild
- French Club
- Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society
- Spanish Club
- Student Film Society

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