



MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY

ENGLISH

YOUR COURSES

MAJOR

American Literature Survey: Colonial to 1914
Creative Writing
Writing & Analysis of Literature
Major English Writers
Shakespeare
American Literature Survey: 1914 to Present
Topics in American Literature
Seminar: Independent Research

Select three of the following:

Chaucer & the Middle Ages
Milton & the 17th Century
18th Century Literature
The English Romantic Age
The Victorian Age
Topics in Literature
Anglophone Literature
British Modernism
Contemporary British Literature
Law & Literature

Select one of the following:

Writing & History
Writing & the Environment
Writing & Popular Culture
Writing & Issues of Health
Writing & Film
Writing & Gender Studies
Writing & Social Issues
Writing & Other Cultures
Writing & Life Stories
Writing & Sports
Writing & Place

Select one of the following:

Professional Writing
Technology & Communication in Business
Introduction to Journalism
Writing for Public Relations

Choose one of the following internships:

Internship
Student Teaching in the Secondary School (ED 354)
Student Teaching in the Secondary School (ED 355)

OVERVIEW

Finally. An English degree that prepares you for the practical world. Learning how to analyze literature facilitates critical thinking, writing, and communication—essential skills for most in-demand occupations.

Our faculty practice what they teach—routinely producing creative and scholarly works—and bring those **real-world experiences** and valuable lessons to the classroom. Faculty also work closely with students to **set goals** and **hone skills**. You'll create a body of work fit for your portfolio, carefully vetted by instructors and class peers.

Many students choose to pair a **major or minor** in English with studies in creative writing, history, marketing, psychology, sustainability management, pre-law, communications, political science, or education.

FAST FACTS

- **Writing scholarships** are available to students for up to \$3,000 each year.
- Our English program educates and prepares students with communication and writing skills top employers are seeking.
- The *Mount Mercy Times* and *Paha Review* are two student-led publications on campus.
- English majors are given the opportunity to meet and connect with nationally known authors through the **Visiting Writers Series**.

IOWA'S BEST

— college —

Named Iowa's Best College for Your Money by Time's MONEY magazine.

96%

— employment rate —

96% of alumni are employed or in graduate school within nine months of graduation.



"My English major at Mount Mercy has prepared me for the real world. People ask me what I'll do with an English major. Simply put, I can do anything I want!"

— Katarina Althoff '15
Ruffalo Noel Levitz

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ENGLISH DEGREE?

The combination of **critical problem solving** and **people skills** you gain with an English degree are in high demand by employers who need flexible and creative workers, no matter the industry. Our program is specifically designed to ensure that Mount Mercy English majors are ready and able to acquire a job immediately after they graduate.

Mount Mercy English majors have found work in a variety of fields, including politics, human resources, journalism, project management, marketing, sales, law, and more.



INTERNSHIPS & EXPERIENCE

English students often participate in **internships** that lead to full-time positions. Past students have interned with companies such as:

- Television Academy in Hollywood
- African American Museum of Iowa
- Alzheimer's Association–East Central Iowa Chapter
- Brucemore historic site and community cultural center
- *The Gazette*
- KGAN
- United Way of East Central Iowa
- University of Iowa Health Care

Students also gain experience with ***Paha Review***, Mount Mercy's literary magazine, and the university's award-winning student newspaper, the ***Mount Mercy Times***. Through Mount Mercy's *Visiting Writers Series*, students have the opportunity to interact and learn from nationally known authors.

YEAR ONE

FALL TERM		WINTER TERM		SPRING TERM	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Writing Competency.....	4	Core Domain.....	3	American Literature Survey: Colonial to 1914.....	4.5
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TOTAL	13		3		13.5

*Could also be an elective or foundation course for a second major/minor.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Any student wanting to major or minor in English must have at least a C- in all required English courses and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher.



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