



# 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 & Mortality  
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

## 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, management, pre-law, communications, political science, graphic design, diversity studies, or education.

## FAST FACTS

- **Writing scholarships** are available to students for up to \$3,000 each year.
- English majors put their studies into practice by participating in faculty-led literature courses to England and Ireland and by leading book discussions in our service-learning project at a local prison.
- 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**.

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— P L U S —

— Qualified Students —

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graduate credits towards  
their undergrad & future  
graduate degrees

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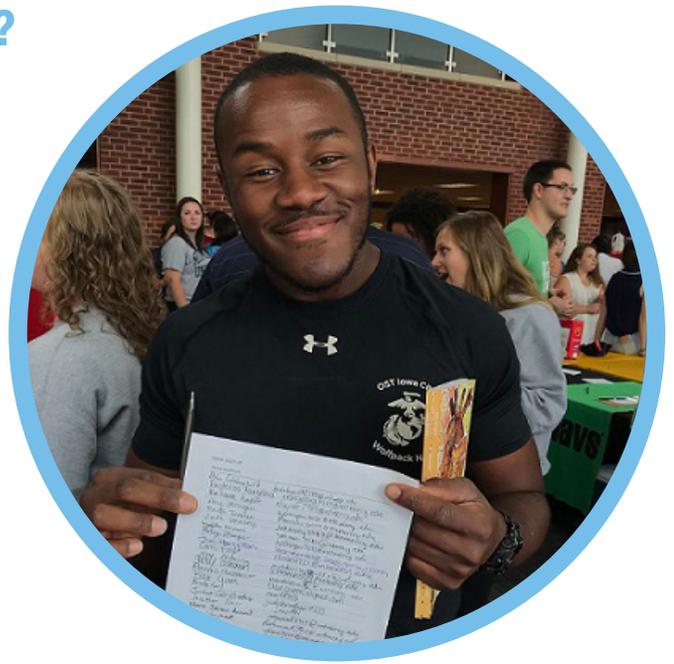
"My English major at Mount Mercy has prepared me for the real world. People ask me what I'll do with an English major. Simply put, I can do anything I want!"

— Katarina Althoff '15  
Flamingo Lake RV Resort

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ENGLISH DEGREE?

The combination of **critical problem solving** and **people skills** you gain with an English degree is 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, teaching, 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.....	3
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>12</b>

\*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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