English
At UW-Eau Claire

English as an academic discipline encompasses the study of literature, literary/cultural theory, creative writing, professional writing and linguistics.

Great skills

In English courses, students develop strong critical-thinking and analytical skills; they learn to read with interpretative power and write with fluency, power and precision; and they apply a variety of research strategies and methods. All of these skills make our graduates ideal candidates for a variety of jobs.

Getting involved

English has several vibrant student organizations that allow students to celebrate their love of English language and literatures, serve the English department and the university community, and gain valuable experience. NOTA, in existence for more than 40 years, produces the creative writing and arts magazine of the same name composed entirely of student work. English Fest, our events organizing group, hosts several events throughout the year, including presentations by visiting scholars and creative writers as well as career events. Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, gives students opportunities to present

and publish their work and to serve the community through book drives, writing contests and more. Students in all majors are engaging in research opportunities and presenting at professional conferences. The English Ambassadors promote the department at majors fairs, mentor new students and serve as student liaisons to the department.

Internship, tutoring and research opportunities

The English department's writing internship program allows students to refine their communication skills and gain valuable professional experience working in local business and nonprofit organizations, including Mayo Clinic Health System, Royal Credit Union, JAMF Software and Western Dairyland Community Action Agency. Other opportunities with similar benefits include tutoring in the Center for Writing Excellence and participating in faculty-student collaborative research projects.

"Engaging in faculty-student research was integral to my college education. It gave me hands-on experience with primary research that I wouldn't have gotten elsewhere."

—*Michael*

Majors

English
- Critical Studies in Literatures, Cultures and Film
- Creative Writing
- Linguistics
- Rhetorics of Science, Technology and Culture
- Teaching, Early Adolescent and Adolescent (formerly grades 6-12)

Comprehensive major (requires no minor)

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Minors

English
- Critical Studies in Literatures, Cultures and Film
- Creative Writing
- Rhetorics of Science, Technology and Culture
- Teaching, Early Adolescent and Adolescent (formerly grades 6-12)
Interdisciplinary Language Studies minor

Suggested first-year curriculum

- University writing requirement — depending on placement exam For test-out options, see uwec.edu/ Blugoldseminar/testout.
- 200-level literature courses
- Foreign language requirement
- Math requirement
- GE courses
- Introduction to Texts

Places you'll find recent graduates:

- *MFA candidate,* University of Iowa's Writers' Workshop
- *Technical Writer,* JAMF Software
- *English Teacher,* Chippewa Falls School District, Chippewa Falls, WI
- *Library and Branch Supervisor,* Marathon County Public Library

Our graduates

English department graduates work in a variety of careers and industries as technical writers, editors, research assistants, librarians, freelance writers, public relations officers, managers, fundraisers, English teachers, reading specialists and legal assistants. Some graduates further their education go on to graduate school and study linguistics, creative writing, literature, rhetoric and composition, law or education.

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Special admission note

English majors should consult with their faculty advisers as early as possible to build an effective plan for their specific program (e.g. teaching, critical studies, linguistics or writing).
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