



English

Read widely, think deeply and write boldly. Explore language as a powerful means of creating, communicating and teaching. Craft essays, stories and poems; hone practical analytical and communication skills; and receive advanced training in innovative reading and educational practices.

Study options

English teaching (secondary education)

Feed your passion for words in preparation for teaching grades 5-12 English language arts. Explore texts broadly and deeply through story, poetry and nonfiction. Along with courses covering Shakespeare and Twain, you can take classes like Literature of the Developing World and Native American Literature. Develop your creative and persuasive skills by writing in many genres from creative nonfiction to analytic essays, poetry to fiction, journalism to professional writing.

In addition to your English classes, you'll take courses in an education department that is accredited by the Iowa Department of Education.

Faculty

Northwestern's English professors have a wide variety of reading and writing interests and expertise, from poetry-and-prayer to environmental and agricultural literature. The faculty includes published writers and scholars as well as specialists in writing pedagogy.

Reading and writing community

Northwestern English majors are a tight-knit community. Close relationships develop through reading the same books and sharing your writing with professors and peers who will offer honest praise and constructive criticism. Small classes invite open, intimate discussion, and faculty members meet with students regularly for individual writing conferences.

Publish

- The student-run newspaper, the *Beacon*, enables student journalists and columnists to report and express opinions on campus-wide issues.

Storied lives

Northwestern English graduates are award-winning teachers and authors. They have pursued graduate degrees at Brown, Princeton, William & Mary, and the University of Massachusetts. From a New England author to a Michigan lawyer to an Alaskan middle school teacher, NWC English alumni have great stories.

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