

Bachelor of Arts

BA with an English Major

Why major in English at CMU?

English studies teach you how to read and write about the most demanding and rewarding texts; texts that uncover the complexity of human life. The study and creation of imaginative literature which teaches sensitivity to metaphor and narrative, makes a unique contribution to the ways we consider questions about the meaning of life, and how we conceive of God and ourselves.

Through the study of literature, students learn to interpret texts, to communicate their interpretations effectively, and, in creative writing courses, to develop their own literary style. Studies in English prepare students for careers demanding excellent communication and critical thinking skills.

Program Strengths

The nature of CMU's program facilitates relationships of mentorship between students and faculty, which helps students achieve academic success, and provides guidance to students discerning their interests and goals.

Opportunities beyond the classroom provide students the chance to connect their learning to practice, and share their interests with the broader community. These opportunities include a Book Arts Association, a literary publication (*Soul in Paraphrase*) and a student newspaper (*The Doxa*), which provide students important opportunities to write, edit and publish. Additionally, practicum placements provide a setting to develop skills and discern interests, which contribute to finding meaningful careers.

Career Paths

- Editor
- Publisher
- Lawyer
- Journalist
- Creative writer
- Teacher
- Project director
- Public speaker
- Proof-reader
- Technical writer
- Scriptwriter/playwright
- Professor
- Media relations officer
- Advertising
- Translator
- Volunteer coordinator
- Consumer researcher
- Entrepreneur

Skills Developed

- Reading and interpreting texts
- Communicating complex ideas
- Cross cultural and historical awareness
- Oral and written expression
- Ability to think critically and creatively
- Strong editing ability
- Resourcefulness – strong research skills
- Presentation– persuasive ability
- Organizational skills
- Time management

English Programs

CMU offers programs in English including:

- Major in English within the four-year Bachelor of Arts
- Major in English within the three-year Bachelor of Arts
- Minor in English within the Bachelor of Arts

CMU Courses in the English Program

- English Literature – Prose Fiction
- English Literature – Poetry and Drama
- English Literature – Classical Literature
- English Literature – Narrative Film
- Introduction to Theatre
- Medieval Literature
- Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Literature
- Romantic and Victorian Literature
- Modernist Literature
- Creative Writing – Non-fiction
- Creative Writing – Short Fiction
- Creative Writing – Poetry
- The Digital Word
- Introduction to Literature for Theatre
- The History of the Book
- Shakespeare
- Existentialism
- Studies in Sixteenth-Century Literature
- Studies in Seventeenth-Century Literature
- Nineteenth-Century Novel
- The Novel Since 1900
- Canadian Literature
- World Literature in English
- Mennonite Literature
- Studies in Medieval Literature
- Short Fiction
- Milton
- Dante – *The Divine Comedy*
- Literary Non-fiction
- Reading Culture
- Major Authors
- Literary Genres
- Revenge
- Literary Theory

Course descriptions can be found on the CMU website. Contact the admissions department with further questions.

In addition to specific English courses, students will take courses in the humanities, sciences, social sciences and courses in Biblical and Theological Studies as part of the degree.

A work-integrated learning course is required in every degree at CMU. This practicum can be done as an intensive 12-week placement or a once-a-week placement over 20 weeks during the school year. The work placement can help students explore the field they are majoring in for career possibilities or it can provide a way to expand their experiences in a field they haven't thought about before.