English

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Programs in the Department of English explore many facets of this capacious discipline, including the history and form of literature in English, the history and structure of the teaching of writing, rhetorical practices of persuasion and expression, digital methods of archiving and analyzing texts, and creative writing in multiple genres. Looking at how literature, writing, and rhetoric have shaped history through words, students become experts at using analysis, interpretation, argument, and expression to open doors to innovation and opportunity. All of our programs share a pathbreaking approach to English, in which the study of the texts of the past is in dynamic conversation with our emerging world of digital expressions.

LEARNING GOALS

- Understand history of literature in English and key hermeneutic methods
- Investigate the rhetorics and literacies of local and global communities using community-based, historical, and justice-based methods
- Explore varieties of creative writing
- Engage meaningfully and generously with others through writing and discussion in our classrooms, workplaces, and communities
- Examine the power of language and rhetoric to effect action, shape knowledge and identity, and constitute communities
- Uncover how language operates through the lens of linguistics
- Discover how knowledge is produced through language and material forms
- Hone critical and analytic skills
- Pursue experiential learning
- Pursue independent research

In addition to the English major (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-ba/), we also offer several combined majors (https://cssh.northeastern.edu/english/program/combined-majors/); an English minor (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-minor/); a minor in writing (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/writing-minor/); a minor in rhetoric (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/rhetoric-minor/); and a minor in health, humanities, and society (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/interdisciplinary/health-humanities-society-minor/).

Academic Progression Standards

Same as university-wide standards described under "Academic Status (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/progression-standards/#status)."

PlusOne Program (MA) in English

English majors at the end of their sophomore year or the beginning of their junior year may qualify for application to the PlusOne program that combines the BA with the master's degree in English. Students interested in this option should consult with the undergraduate program director in English by the end of the sophomore year.

Programs

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

- English (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-ba/)
- Africana Studies and English (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/cultures-societies-global-studies/africana-studies-english-ba/)
- English and Communication Studies (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-communication-studies-ba/)
- English and Criminal Justice (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-criminal-justice-ba/)
- English and Cultural Anthropology (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-cultural-anthropology-ba/)
- English and Design (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-design-ba/)
- English and Philosophy (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-philosophy-ba/)
- English and Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-political-science-ba/)
- English and Theatre (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-theatre-ba/)

- History and English (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-english-ba/)
- Journalism and English (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/journalism/journalism-english-ba/)
- Linguistics and English (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/science/interdisciplinary/linguistics-english-ba/)
- Media and Screen Studies and English (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-english-ba/)

Bachelor of Science (BS)

- Architecture and English (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/architecture/architecture-english-bs/)
- Biology and English (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/science/biology/biology-english-bs/)
- Computer Science and English (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/computer-information-science/computer-information-science-combined-majors/computer-science-english-bs/)

Minor

- English (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-minor/)
- Rhetoric (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/rhetoric-minor/)
- Writing (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/writing-minor/)

Accelerated Programs

See Accelerated Bachelor/Graduate Degree Programs (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/accelerated-bachelor-graduate-degree-programs/#programstext)

The colleges that offer the following program have approved suspension of admissions to this program for 2025-2026.

- English and Graphic and Information Design, BA (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-graphic-information-design-ba/)