



ENGLISH - ENGLISH EDUCATION *College of Humanities and Social Sciences*

OVERVIEW

Communication Arts and Literature Teaching, the undergraduate English Education program, prepares students to teach in middle or high school English language arts classrooms. Graduates of the program earn a license in Communication Arts and Literature to teach English and speech communication in grades 5-12. The program consists of 38 credits in English, 25 credits in Communication Studies and 30 credits in the College of Education. This is a broad major and therefore a minor not is required.

The graduate program, MA English: English Education, builds the students' expertise in literature and writing, to help them find new and interesting resources for the classroom and to meet credentialing requirements for teaching college level courses both in composition and literature. It also provides a foundation for further studies in Literacy Education or English.

DEGREES & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Degrees:

Communication Arts and Literature - Education, Bachelor of Science (BS)
English Education, Master of Arts (MA)

Careers:

Our graduates are resourceful and intellectually creative, they define and manage projects well, and they work independently easily. Therefore, they find rewarding work in education in the region and throughout the state. Our graduate students are also credentialed to teach courses that provide their secondary students college credit, and so are valuable in their districts.

QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

Faculty:

All full-time faculty have terminal degrees. They regularly win grants and publish scholarly books and articles and creative work. They also edit academic journals, serve on educational organization advisory boards, and engage with the community in a variety of ways.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Faculty/Student Ratio:

The faculty/student ratio is approximately 1 :20.

Chapters/Organizations:

Students have the opportunity to join a variety of student organizations at the undergraduate and graduate level that build community and enrich the educational experience.

- » Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society: Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies.
- » Society for Technical Communication (STC), Minnesota State University, Mankato Chapter: The Minnesota State University, Mankato STC chapter organizes online programs with invited speakers. Meetings help members to network, promote professionalism, and learn about the technical communication industry.
- » Graduate Scholars of English Association (GSEA): The purpose of this organization is to unify the body of graduate students and scholars within the Teaching English as a Second Language, Technical Communications, Literature, English Studies, and Writing Certificate fields to create a more creative, academic, and peer-focused community. The general emphasis of this graduate student organization is to foster, provide, and expand scholarly and professional development for graduate students.

Department Publications:

Our students have the opportunity to have their work featured in various publications through our department.

- » Blue Earth Review: *Blue Earth Review* is Minnesota State University, Mankato's literary magazine. Before being wholly revamped and renamed in 2003, BER was published under such titles as *Medicine Jug*, *The Muse*, and *Minnesota River Review*.
- » The Corresponder: *The Corresponder* was founded over 30 years ago by Minnesota State University professor Robert C. Wright as a means of celebrating the achievement of Minnesota writers. It continues today as a biannual review of new books of poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, and selected works in other areas.
- » Maverick Messenger: *The Maverick Messenger* is a student-run newsletter featuring articles on technology, cross-culture communication, web design, career advancement, and much more. This award-winning newsletter is recognized by the Society of Technical Communication.
- » Nineteenth-Century Gender Studies: *Nineteenth-Century Gender Studies* is a peer-reviewed, online journal committed to publishing insightful and innovative scholarship on gender studies and nineteenth-century British literature, art, and culture. The journal is a collaborative effort that brings together scholars from a variety of universities to create a unique voice in the field.

Study Abroad:

While our education programs require lots of credits, some students take advantage of the many study abroad programs through the Kearney International Center, many of which allow students to pay the tuition rate of their home institution, thus reducing the study abroad costs. We offer faculty-led study abroad opportunities to Costa Rica and England and we also have partnerships with universities abroad including Queen's University in Belfast in Northern Ireland and Han University Arnhem in Netherlands.

Scholarships:

The department awards scholarships to returning students based on academic merit and need.

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SAMPLE FOUR YEAR CURRICULUM (COMMUNICATION ARTS AND LITERATURE - EDUCATION (BS))

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
ENG 101 Composition, General Education 1a (4) General Education Requirement General Education Requirement General Education Requirement	General Education Requirement General Education Requirement General Education Requirement General Education Requirement
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
CMST 310 Performance of Literature (4) ENG 275 Intro to Literary Studies (4) CMST 201 Small Group Communication (2) General Education (3-4) General Education (3-4)	CMST 101 Interpersonal Comm (4) KSP 202 Tech Integration in the Classroom (1) KSP 220 Human Relations in Mult Cult Soc (3) KSP 222 Intro to the Learner and Learning (2) ENG 321 British Lit 1785 – Present (4)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
ENG 285 Practical Grammar (2) ENG 327 American Lit to 1865 (4) KSP 330 Planning Instruction in the Classroom (3) KSP 334 Assessment and Evaluation (3) ENG 464 Teaching Middle School Lit (3)	ENG 381 Linguistics (4) ENG 361 Teaching 5-12 Literature (4) ENG 433 Sel Authors (World) (4) CMST 421 Comm Studies Coach/Teaching Methods (4)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
ENG 362 Teaching 5-12 Writing (4) ENG 407 Shakespeare (4) KSP 440 Creating Learning Environments (3) KSP 442 Reading, Literacy, Inclusive Class (3) CMST 215 Effective Listening (2)	KSP 464 Professional Seminar (1) KSP 477 5-12 Student Teaching (11)

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