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**MINNESOTA STATE
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MANKATO

ENGLISH - LITERATURE & ENGLISH STUDIES

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

OVERVIEW

The Literature and English Studies programs offer a robust background in British, American, and world literatures, with a broad range of flexible electives and an emphasis on critical thinking, deep understanding of texts, and professional-quality writing.

DEGREES & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Degrees:

English Literature, Bachelor of Arts (BA)

English Studies, Bachelor of Arts (BA)

English, Minor

English Literature and Composition, Master of Arts (MA)

English Literature and English Studies, Master of Arts (MA)

English Literature, Graduate Certificate

Careers:

Successful English majors are remarkably skilled in writing, critical reading, and research. They are resourceful and intellectually creative, they define and manage projects, and they work well independently. As a result, they find employment in many different careers across a wide range of professional areas. Examples include writing, editing, journalism, corporate communications, publishing, teaching, marketing and advertising, public relations, website or system design, law, and more.

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 journals, serve on journal, organizational, and professional 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:

Our students can take advantage of the many study abroad programs through the Kearney International Center, some 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 (ENGLISH STUDIES BA)

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
ENG 101 Composition, General Education 1a (4) General Education 4, Math/Logical Reasoning (3-4) General Education 5, First Hist/Soc/Behavioral (3-4) General Education 8, Global - First Language Course (4-5)	General Education 1b, Speech/Oral Reasoning (4) General Education 6, English W Course (4) Second Language Course (4-5) ENG 275, Intro to Literary Studies (4)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
ENG 242W, General Education 11 (4) ENG 327 American Lit to 1865 (4) General Education 3, First Natural Science (4) General Education 9, Ethical/Social (3) General Education 5, Second Hist/Soc/Behavioral (3)	ENG 321 British Lit 1785 – Present (4) General Education 10, People and the Environment (3-4) General Education 6, Second Humanities (3-4) General Education 7, Human Diversity, non-English (3-4)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
ENG 433, Selected World Lit (4) Elective Class I (4) Elective Class II (4) General Education, Second Goal Area 3 (3-4)	Elective Class III (4) Elective Class IV (4) Elective Class V (4) General Electives (4)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
ENG 407, Shakespeare (4) Elective Class VI (4) General Electives (4) General Electives (4)	Elective Class VII (4) General Electives (4) General Education 5, Second Hist/Soc/Behavioral (3)

For additional information about course requirements, please visit hss.mnsu.edu/english

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