DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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Undergraduate Programs
The department offers a bachelor’s of arts degree in English and a bachelor of fine arts degree in creative writing.

English, BA
The bachelor of arts degree in English is a versatile major with seven concentrations designed to meet students’ individual interests and career objectives. English majors can also do an internship in technical writing or linguistics. Students interested in becoming teachers can participate in a program offered in conjunction with the College of Education and Human Development that allows undergraduates to simultaneously complete their BA in English and their licensure requirements to teach English at the secondary school level in Virginia.

English majors learn to read critically and write carefully in classes that are uniquely small for a university the size of Mason. Students develop these abilities not only through reading traditional texts but also through the use of technologies such as blogs, wikis, and multimedia production. Because English majors have excellent skills in written and oral communication, research, critical thinking, and focused creativity they are well prepared for any career - teaching, journalism, creative writing, management, law, and more.

Creative Writing, BFA
The bachelor of fine arts degree in creative writing encourages freedom of thought, speech, and inquiry. Through its innovative courses, the program enables students to exercise analytical and imaginative thinking. Through its combined classroom and work-world curriculum, it prepares students to make well-founded ethical decisions. The degree offers three concentrations allowing for the opportunity to learn the conventions of several genres.

300-level courses in English and linguistics teach the foundational principles for a field of study, include courses of broad scope, and provide an introduction to a genre, literary period, or methodology.

400-level courses in English and linguistics provide an in-depth approach to a field of study, a single genre, literary period, or methodology. They include special topics classes and English honors classes. Some 400-level courses require ENGH 305 Dimensions of Writing and Literature as a prerequisite.

English with a Second Major
Students can combine a major in English with a second major. Students interested in this option are encouraged to discuss their plans with their English advisor. See section AP.5.3.7 Credit for More than One Undergraduate Major in Undergraduate Policies.

Minors
The department offers a minor in English, which is available to students in any major at Mason.
appointment, students should consult the Writing Center website (http://writingcenter.gmu.edu).

**Northern Virginia Writing Project**

The Northern Virginia Writing Project (NVWP) (http://nvwp.org) is a professional development organization dedicated to improving writing instruction, writing practice, and learning at all educational levels, and to developing teacher leaders across the disciplines.

Each summer, selected teachers attend an intensive four-week institute where they demonstrate successful teaching methods, develop their own writing lives, and study the latest research and theory on the learning and teaching of writing. After the summer institute, participants receive the designation of Teacher Consultant and join over 900 other teachers in carrying out the work of the NVWP. The NVWP is an affiliate of the National Writing Project and one of the six sites of the Virginia Writing Project.

**Faculty**

**Department Faculty**

**Professors**
Albanese, Ardis, Clark, Foster, Goodwin, Habila, Kaufmann, Keith, Matz, Pankey, Tichy

**Associate Professors**
Amireh, Anderson, Atkinson, Brkic, Burr, Eisner, Eyman, Fuchs, Gallehr, Harvey, Hoefer, James, Lattanzi Shutika (chair), Lockwood, Malouf, Michals, Reid, Rogers, Samuelian, Scarlata, Streckfus, Weinberger, Wheelock, Wulf, Yadav

**Assistant Professors**
Burek, Chakravarty, Denevi, Dorpenyo, El-Hibri, Gatling, Gilman, Holmes, Kwon, LaFrance, Lawrence, Monea, Schreiner, Wooten

**Term Professors**
Koch, Matthews, Scott, Taciuch, Thompson

**Term Associate Professors**
Berg, King, Liston, Matthews, Nanian, Saunders, Taylor

**Term Assistant Professors**

**Term Instructors**
Baker, Fernandez, Hoy, Killiany, Pettibon, Ready

**Adjunct Assistant Professors**
Broyles, Cabral, Carbo, Casal, DeFazio, Dutta, Fowler, Jacobs, Johnston, Laptad, Kuhla, Orlando, Pabich, Patrick, Sorvillo

**Adjunct Instructors**
Holcomb

**Programs**

- College Teaching Graduate Certificate (ENGL)
- Creative Writing, BFA
- Creative Writing, MFA
- Digital Media and Web Design Minor (CHSS)
- English Minor
- English, BA
- English, MA
- Film and Media Studies Minor
- Folklore Studies Graduate Certificate
- Folklore and Mythology Minor
- Linguistics Minor
- Linguistics, PhD
- Native American and Indigenous Studies Minor
- Professional Writing and Editing Graduate Certificate (ENGL)
- Professional and Technical Writing Minor
- Teaching English as a Second Language Graduate Certificate
- Teaching English as a Second Language Minor
- Writing and Rhetoric, PhD