“As a physics major, one of the most important aspects of pursuing an English minor is that it was/is a useful complement to my major, making me a well-rounded individual as well as teaching me skills that I could use in both academia and the workplace.” —Ryan Parks, English Minor

STUDY ABROAD

Studying abroad enriches the experience you have with the texts you read. Ask your advisor for more information.

Ireland Study Abroad
Those participating in the English Department’s Ireland study abroad summer program learn about Irish literature, history, and culture first hand as part of an upper-level, cross-listed course. Students will travel around Ireland for approximately two weeks, visiting many major highlights, including the cities of Dublin and Galway, museums, Neolithic and medieval ruins, and much more.

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Why minor in English?

Whether you want to minor in English because you love to read, you’re preparing yourself for a writing career, or because you want to be a more effective communicator, the English minor is designed to be flexible enough to meet your needs. There are also several interdisciplinary minors that use English courses to examine their topics.

By learning to write in a variety of modes, you will learn to adapt to different audiences and purposes. Employers will value your ability to solve problems and present ideas in effective language to a wide range of audiences. You will think critically, having learned to weigh evidence, identify assumptions, evaluate persuasive appeals, and recognize faulty reasoning.

Employers want smart, flexible, and creative employees, all hallmarks of a student who studies English. Consider the possibilities.

Careers for English Minors

As an English minor, you’ll develop the insight of an artist, the analytical precision of a scientist, and the persuasiveness of a lawyer.

A minor in English enhances every other major at the University because every major requires the effective communication of its work. Employers recognize that hiring a specialist alone is not enough if that specialist can’t write. A minor in English, with its guarantees of language facility, is gold on any resume. English minors often pursue careers such as:

- Journalist • Entrepreneur • Project Manager • Copywriter • Community Leader • PR Specialist • Salesperson • Politician • Research Analyst • Web Designer • Academic Administrator • and more

Required Coursework

Students minoring in English must complete ENGL 2410: Critical Approaches to Lit. (3 credits) or ENGL 2420: Critical Approaches to Language Studies (3 credits) as well as 3 credits additional of English at the 2000 level, 6 credits at the 3000 level or higher, and 6 credits at the 4000 level.

Interdisciplinary Minors with Coursework in English

The English minor is designed to give you maximum flexibility with your coursework. You can choose a mix of coursework from any of several concentrations—British Literature, American Literature, Creative Nonfiction, or Language Studies. To declare your new minor, visit the Arts and Sciences Dean’s office, Arts & Sciences Hall 240, to fill out a Change of Minor form.

Ancient Mediterranean Studies

The interdisciplinary Ancient Mediterranean Studies (AMS) minor was designed to give students an in-depth understanding of the history of the Mediterranean and Ancient Near East from the beginning of the Bronze Age through the Roman Empire in the West, and the Byzantine Empire in the East. For more information, contact Dr. Jeanne Reames at mreames@unomaha.edu.

Medieval/Renaissance Studies

The minor in Medieval/Renaissance Studies is designed to help students understand and appreciate the thirteen centuries belonging to the Middle Ages and the Renaissance through various disciplines. For more information, contact Dr. Martina Saltamacchia at msaltamacchia@unomaha.edu.

Native American Studies

Native American Studies offers students an opportunity to learn about Native American cultures, literature, history, arts, political institutions, and more. For more information, contact Dr. Dennis Smith at dennissmith@unomaha.edu.

Chicano/Latino Studies

The focus of the minor is primarily on U.S. Mexican and Latino communities. A minor in Chicano/Latino Studies offers transnational, interdisciplinary, and comparative programs of study of the social, economic, political, and cultural forces shaping the experience of Latino and Latin American societies in the United States and throughout the Americas. For more information, contact Dr. Juan Casas at jcasas@unomaha.edu.

Women’s and Gender Studies

The interdisciplinary Women’s and Gender Studies program examines the historical and contemporary status of women in all societies, explores the many important contributions and voices of today’s women as well as those of the past, supports women’s issues, and promotes gender equality across communities. For more information, contact Dr. Karen F. Falconer Al-Hindi at kfalconeralhindi@unomaha.edu.

Medical Humanities

Medical Humanities is an interdisciplinary field that explores, from multiple perspectives, connections between humans, cultures, medicine and allied health sciences. Medical Humanities complements the Health Sciences and encompasses the Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Arts. For more information, contact Dr. Michele Desmarais at mdesmarais@unomaha.edu.

The TESOL Certificate

TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) is a certificate program meant for many different kinds of students. Some will be aspiring teachers who are already certified in areas such as math, science, language arts, and foreign languages. The certificate is also ideal for people who plan to teach in venues other than public schools and for anyone who works in some capacity with non-native speakers of English. For more information, contact Dr. Owen Mordaunt at omordaunt@unomaha.edu.