

ENGLISH

Undergraduate Program Information

The Department of English offers the Bachelor of Arts in English and the Bachelor of Arts in Gender and Sexuality Studies.

The **BA in English** is the cornerstone of studies in the humanities. The English major provides students with personal and cultural enrichment as well as verbal, analytical and cultural skills that are readily adaptable to a variety of careers. The English curriculum includes courses in literature, language, creative writing, technical and professional communication, rhetoric, cultural studies, digital media, and film. Our majors go on to succeed in a wide range of professions, including secondary and post-secondary education, business, government, publishing, and law. We offer four different major concentrations that students can tailor to their individual needs:

1. English
2. Creative Writing
3. Literature, Language and Culture
4. Rhetoric, Digital Media and Professional Communication

Students who wish to pursue English as a double major may eliminate one elective from the departmental requirements. Students are required to fulfill a second language requirement (one year of college-level instruction, or the equivalent).

The **BA in Gender and Sexuality Studies** is offered both on the Main campus and as a fully online, asynchronous program through NMSU-Global. Gender and Sexuality Studies is a combined field of study that encompasses women's, gender, LGBTQIA+, and feminist studies. It is a discipline dedicated to reshaping society through interdisciplinary approaches, knowledge production, creative expression, and community-engagement. G&SS at NMSU offers students the knowledge and tools to advocate for social justice and make a meaningful impact in various professional fields, such as social work, policy analysis, research, education, and community development. G&SS majors may choose to pursue a concentration in Media Arts and Cultural Studies (MACS). This inclusive curriculum invites students to delve into the rich intersections of media arts (both digital and material), film, cultural studies, and women's, gender, and sexuality studies. All G&SS courses are available to all NMSU students regardless of major.

The department also offers five undergraduate **minors**:

- English
- Literature
- Medieval and Early Modern Studies
- Rhetoric and Professional Communication
- Gender and Sexuality Studies

The English department provides strong and personalized advising designed to help students reach their full academic potential and future career goals.

Further information about career opportunities, concentrations, and minors is available from the Department of English.

Graduate Program Information

Graduate coursework in the Department of English spans a diverse field of studies in culture, rhetoric, literature, digital media, composition

pedagogy, professional communication, and writing as well as a range of interdisciplinary work in women's, gender, and sexuality studies.

The department offers two graduate degrees in English: the **Master of Arts in English** and the **Doctor of Philosophy in Rhetoric and Professional Communication**. Students pursuing the MA in English may specialize in any of three areas: Literature; Rhetoric and Professional Communication; or English Studies for Teachers. Through NMSU-Global, the department also offers a fully online (asynchronous) **MA in Technical and Professional Communication**. These graduate degrees prepare students to succeed in a variety of careers, including writing, editing, publishing, secondary and post-secondary education, business and industry, media, web design, government, nonprofits, and law. Students work closely with faculty advisors to develop programs of study that fit their individual needs and goals.

Students wishing to apply to the MA or PhD should consult application information on the English Department website at <http://english.nmsu.edu/apply/> (https://english.nmsu.edu/_assets/apply.html). Applications are due by February 1st for Fall admission to the MA or the PhD program. MA applications are also accepted for Spring admission; review of MA applications for Spring admission begins on October 1.

Support in the form of a Graduate Assistantships is awarded through a competitive selection process; this application is folded into the application for admission and should be submitted by the February 1st deadline. Students in the PhD and in the MA emphases in Literature and Rhetoric and Professional Communication are eligible to apply for a Graduate Assistantship. All Graduate Assistantships in English begin in the Fall semester.

The department offers a graduate **Minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies**. This interdisciplinary minor enables students to enrich their academic experience, broaden their career prospects, and contribute meaningfully to their fields of study in ways that challenge societal biases and promote understanding, acceptance, and equality for all individuals.