

# ENGLISH

## Undergraduate Program Information

The Department of English offers the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English as the cornerstone of studies in the humanities. This rich and versatile major provides students with a source of personal 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

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

The department also offers four minors:

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

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

## 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. The department offers two graduate degrees: 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](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.