

ENGLISH

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Concentration: Literature

When you study literature, you learn to love words and appreciate their beauty and power. By encountering the speculative, surreal and unbound you build your own ability to imagine what could be. Literature students develop skills in holding multiple perspectives at once, making them valuable and creative problem solvers who can connect with people of all backgrounds. A major in literature will equip you with the most-needed and sought-after job skills: strong command of writing, insightful analysis, creative problem solving and positive collaboration.

Internships: We Prepare You For Employment

As an English major, you will participate in at least one internship during your academic career, at a site that best meets your career goals. The department internship coordinator works closely with you to help you find a competitive opportunity or experience that will provide you with the resume-building experience you need before you graduate.

Milwaukee's vibrant business community affords Mount Mary students a range of internship opportunities, working at international corporations, locally owned businesses and nonprofit organizations. In recent years, Mount Mary English majors have interned at:

- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- Coalition for Children, Youth & Families
- First Stage Milwaukee
- Kalmbach Publishing
- Literacy Services of Wisconsin
- Manpower
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- MetroPARENT Magazine
- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Magazine
- Milwaukee Zoological Society
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Reiman Publications
- Robert W. Baird and Co.
- Shepherd Express
- Wisconsin Public Radio

Student Activities and Opportunities

- Join Arches, an award-winning student feature magazine and website. Work as a reporter, editor, website manager, social media manager, designer and more!
- Apply for English department scholarships
- Attend poetry slams, student fiction readings and the Writers on Writing series, where we bring nationally recognized authors to campus to read and meet with students
- Join the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society
- Take fun road trips to student conferences, such as the ACP Best of the Midwest College Media Convention and other regional conferences
- Attend student mixers and campus-wide book clubs
- Mingle with other English majors at pizza parties for majors

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGLISH MAJORS:

- Author
- Copywriter
- Corporate Storyteller
- Editor (Print and Multimedia)
- Educator
- Event Planner
- Freelance Writer
- Grant Writer
- Journalist
- New Media Writer
- Project Manager
- Social Media Manager
- Technical Writer
- Web Designer/Editor

ABOUT MOUNT MARY

Discover what more than 1,300 current undergraduate and graduate students, and 10,000+ alumnae already know: Mount Mary offers an engaging and transformational education that will prepare you for success.

Choose from more than 50+ undergraduate majors or nine graduate degree programs.

Courses are offered in day, evening and accelerated formats to fit your busy lifestyle.

Did you know? 100% of incoming, full-time undergraduate students receive an academic scholarship or reduced tuition.

EXAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

ENGLISH | 120 CREDITS

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MAJOR		CORE		ELECTIVES	
FIRST YEAR					
FALL Courses			SPRING Courses		
FYS 100 First Year Seminar	3	ENG 120 College research writing	3		
College Level Math	3	ENG 125 Introduction to writing for new media	4		
ENG 110 Introduction to College Writing	3	Elective / Second Major / Core	4		
Oral Communications	2	Elective / Second Major / Core	3		
ENG 100 or 100 Level LIT Course	3	Elective / Second Major / Core	3		
TOTAL	14 credits	TOTAL	17 credits		
SOPHOMORE YEAR					
FALL Courses			SPRING Courses		
ENG 117 Introduction to creative writing (fine arts core and major)	3	ENG 125 Introduction to writing for new media	3		
ENG 220 Special topics in writing	4	ENG 358 Arches or 317 Advanced creative	2 or 4		
ENG 200 level literature class (core and major)	3	ENG 300 any 300-level literature class	4		
Elective / Second Major / Core	3	Elective / Second Major / Core	3		
Elective / Second Major / Core	3	Elective / Second Major / Core	3		
TOTAL	16 credits	TOTAL	15-17 credits		
JUNIOR YEAR					
FALL Courses			SPRING Courses		
Behavioral Science	3	ENG 358 Repeat Arches or 317 Advanced creative writing	2 or 4		
Literature option	3	Elective / Second Major / Core	3		
ENG 307 World Literature	4	Elective / Second Major / Core	3		
Elective / Second Major / Core	3	Elective / Second Major / Core	3		
Elective / Second Major / Core	3	Elective / Second Major / Core	3		
TOTAL	16 credits	TOTAL	14-16 credits		
SENIOR YEAR					
FALL Courses			SPRING Courses		
ENG 485 Capstone	1	ENG 492 Literary Criticism	4		
ENG 420 Advanced special topics writing	4	Writing course option	3		
ENG 222 Linguistics or 419 Business and technical communication	3	Elective / Second Major / Core	3		
Elective / Second Major / Core	3	Elective / Second Major / Core	3		
Elective / Second Major / Core	3	Elective / Second Major / Core	2		
TOTAL	15 credits	TOTAL	15 credits		

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This example four-year plan is intended to outline the number and types of courses a student might take in order to fulfill the degree, major, core and elective requirements to graduate. Students meet with their academic advisor each semester to review progress toward fulfilling their degree requirements.