



Consider a Major or Minor in English!

Why Major, Double Major, or Minor in English?

1. English teaches you the skills that employers want: writing, critical thinking, creativity.
2. English allows you to express your passion for literature, film, creative writing, journalism, digital writing, and imaginative thinking.
3. English connects you to professors in small discussion-based classes.
4. English offers six areas of concentration ranging from creative writing to teaching licensure.
5. English invites you to join into extracurricular groups, study abroad, and internships.

What do you need for a Major or Minor in English?

1. The English Major requires 11 courses.
2. The English Minor requires 6 courses.

How do you declare a Major or Minor in English?

1. Call the English Department (617-287-6703).
2. Come up to the English Department to fill out a “Declaration of Major/Minor” form and pick up more information.

English Department, 6th floor Wheatley, 617-287-6703

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- **An English degree on your resumé signals that you can read, write, think critically, think creatively, and engage with complex ideas.**

- Surveys repeatedly find that the “ability to speak and to write clearly” is the top skill employers want. (NBC News: “Why Johnny can’t write and why employers are mad”)

- The Association of American Colleges and Universities’ LEAP Compact finds that employers most value critical thinking, innovation, the ability to write and speak well, and the ability to think clearly about complex problems. (AACU website)

- Forbes Magazine* lists “critical thinking” as skill #1. (“10 Skills That Will Get You Hired”)

- **Connect English’s strong writing and critical thinking skills to a pre-existing major.**

- The Chronicle of Higher Education* finds employers want practical knowledge connected to “whole brain” skills: creativity, inquiry, effective written and oral communication, interpersonal skills, and the ability to think critically and analytically. (“Skills Gap?”)

- **English majors/minors can take a one-credit “careers and job search” mini-course.**

- The English Department helps you locate the types of jobs that use your English skills and helps you prepare for your job search.

2. English allows you to express your passion for literature, film, creative writing, journalism, digital writing, and artistic and imaginative thinking.

3. English connects you to professors in small discussion-based classes.

4. English offers six areas of concentration including creative writing, professional and new media writing, teaching licensure, transnational literature...and more!

5. English invites you to join into extracurriculars (including *The Watermark* magazine, Literary Theory Reading Group, and Writer’s Community), study abroad, and internships.

What do you need for a Major or Minor in English?

1. **The English Major requires 11 courses.** You select 8 electives (and can use 5 transfers).

2. **The English Minor requires 6 courses.** You select 5 electives (and can use 2 transfers).

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1. **Email or call the English Department Administrator for more information:** Contact shanna.oberry@umb.edu; 617-287-6703

2. **Come up to the English Department (6th floor, Wheatley):** Come fill out a “Declaration of Major/Minor” form and pick up more information sheets.