

# Undergraduate English

## Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts in English
- Bachelor of Arts in English, Major Concentration in Secondary English Language Arts (Professional Educator Licensure, Grades 9-12)

## Available English Program Minors

- Creative Writing
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Rhetoric and Writing

## Accelerated Combined Degree

This program provides an accelerated option for qualifying SIUE students who wish to earn simultaneous undergraduate and graduate credit for some courses taken their senior year.

## English at SIUE

What do Steam Punk, Shakespeare, Graphic Novels, Creative Nonfiction, Toni Morrison, Language Endangerment and Death, Whitman and Dickinson, Young Adult Literature, Literary Editing, African American Poetry and Folklore, and the Rhetoric of Video Games have in common? All are courses offered by the Department of English Language and Literature.

English majors find their coursework in the College of Arts and Sciences to be both practical and pleasurable, an appropriate mix of traditional and contemporary classes that span the breadth of English studies. At SIUE, faculty members in the Department of English Language and Literature pride themselves on being strong teachers, and our curriculum reflects changing approaches to 21st-century English studies.

Technological and economic trends often shift abruptly and dramatically, but students prepared in English language and literature find that the abilities they've developed never grow obsolete. English majors possess the ultimate in transferable skills—critical thinking, careful reasoning and masterful writing—and they are equipped for change, with the capacity to acquire new knowledge and technical expertise. Our students are experienced in synthesizing complex material and are able to respond with clarity and precision.

English majors satisfy their love of reading while being challenged intellectually as they encounter some of the greatest works written in or translated into English. Our students choose from course offerings in a variety of areas, including linguistics, rhetoric and writing, and creative writing. In doing so, they learn how to write persuasively for a variety of audiences, expand their understanding of language, and develop their creativity and cultural awareness.



# SIUE

College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of English Language and Literature

## Faculty

**Seran Aktuna, PhD**  
1993, University of Pennsylvania

**Jill Anderson, PhD**  
2006, Michigan State University

**Charles Berger, PhD**  
1997, Yale University

**Maggie Black, PhD**  
2018, University of Wisconsin - Madison

**Tisha Brooks, PhD**  
2013, Tufts University

**Elizabeth Cali, PhD**  
2014, University of Texas - San Antonio

**Tiana Clark, MFA**  
2017, Vanderbilt University

**Jessica DeSpain, PhD**  
2008, University of Iowa

**Helena Gurfinkel, PhD**  
2007, Tufts University

**Joel Hardman, PhD**  
1994, University of Pennsylvania

**Brian Henderson, PhD**  
2010, University of South Carolina

**Kristine Hildebrandt, PhD**  
2003, University of California - Santa Barbara

**Heather G.S. Johnson, PhD**  
2008, Indiana University - Bloomington

**Matthew S.S. Johnson, PhD**  
2006, Indiana University - Bloomington

**Joshua Kryah, PhD**  
2006, University of Nevada - Las Vegas

**Larry LaFond, PhD**  
2001, University of South Carolina

**John Pendergast, PhD**  
1994, University of Missouri

**Anushiya Ramaswamy, PhD**  
1997, University of Nevada - Reno

**Howard Ramsby, PhD**  
2004, Pennsylvania State University

**Nancy Ruff, PhD**  
1987, Princeton University

**John Savoie, PhD**  
1998, Yale University

**Geoffrey Schmidt, MFA**  
1990, University of Alabama

**Catherine Seltzer, PhD**  
2005, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

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# Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts in English

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>ENG 101</b> English Composition I 3 RA 101 Reasoning and Argumentation 3 Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3 QR 101 or MATH 150 or Higher 3 ACS 101 Public Speaking 3 FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE 1 Total Credits 16	<b>ENG 102</b> English Composition II 3 <b>ENG</b> (Survey/BHUM) 3 Breadth Social Science (BSS) 3 Experience United States Cultures (EUSC) 3 Health Experience (EH) 2 Total Credits 14
<b>Year 2</b>	ENG 200 Introduction to Literary Study 3 <b>ENG</b> (Survey/BHUM) 3 <b>Foreign Language 101</b> (BICS) 4 Breadth Life Science (BLS) 3 Experience Lab (EL) 3 Total Credits 16	<b>ENG</b> (Survey/BHUM) 3 ENG 301 (Literary Theory) 3 <b>Foreign Language 102</b> (EGC) 4 Minor 3 Breadth Physical Science (BPS) 3 Total Credits 16
<b>Year 3</b>	ENG (Writing Approaches) 3 ENG (Major Author/BHUM) 3 Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3 Minor 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15	ENG (Language Systems) 3 ENG Elective (200 or higher) 3 Minor 3 Minor 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15
<b>Year 4</b>	ENG (Upper-Level Lit Elective) 3 ENG Elective (200 or higher) 3 Minor 3 Minor 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15	ENG 497A-Senior Seminar 3 Elective/Minor 3 Electives 7 Total Credits 13
		Total Hours 120

**NOTES** – Of the 36 hours in English courses, at least 15 must be at the 400-level, and no more than 15 may be at the 200-level. English 499 may not count toward 400-level course requirements. Only courses in which the student receives a grade of C or better will be accepted for credit toward the English major. Students must pass a year's worth of a single foreign language. Students planning to attend graduate school in English or law school should take two years of a foreign language.

\*Students who wish to pursue **Professional Educator Licensure for Secondary English Language Arts** should note that the requirements are different. Please see Dr. Jill Anderson in the Department of English as soon as possible to discuss your four-year program of study.

**Transfer Students:** To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer and satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Visit [siue.edu/transfer](http://siue.edu/transfer) to find course equivalency guides.

## Career Opportunities

English majors are well prepared for a variety of employment opportunities. For those interested in careers as high school English teachers, we offer a fully accredited, four-year program of study leading to professional educator licensure in secondary English language arts (grades 9-12).

While teaching is a possible career for English majors, graduates can also pursue careers as freelance writers or editors. In addition, English majors are well prepared for graduate and professional studies in business, law and library science. Nearly every company, agency, institution and organization produces documents, maintains a web presence and uses social media, which creates a demand for researchers, editors, and creative and technical writers. Employers are seeking graduates with critical thinking skills and the ability to communicate effectively. Essentially, they are looking for English majors!

## Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the Bachelor of Arts program, students must:

- Complete all Academic Development courses required by the University
- Complete any courses required to address high school deficiencies.
- Attain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale)

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete all general education and specific program requirements
- Complete all minor requirements
- Complete two semesters of a single foreign language
- File an Application for Graduation by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate

## Contact Information

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