

English



Why English?

The English program at MCC will do more than just prepare you for transfer to another program or institution; it will help you gain insight into yourself and others. As an English major, you'll learn valuable real-world skills that will empower you to participate meaningfully in intellectual, civic and vocational life.

Coursework in English provides foundational skills in how to:

- Think, read and write critically and creatively.
- Comprehend and evaluate readings and understand them as products of historical and cultural contexts.
- Read and write with an appreciation for the aesthetic and expressive possibilities of language.
- Analyze and synthesize complex information.
- Engage ethically with the ideas of others.
- Find high-quality research sources and weed out sources of mis/dis-/mal-information.
- Ethically and effectively leverage the power of AI in research and writing.
- Communicate effectively in writing or speech using varied and appropriate rhetorical approaches.
- Research comprehensively and ethically at every stage of the process from idea generation to presentation of the final product.

Program Goals & Outcomes

One goal of the English program is to help you develop into a future scholar, citizen and professional through coursework in research, rhetoric, writing and literature. Exposure to a wide variety of texts and ideas will help you become a more thoughtful and intellectually curious person, well positioned to move on to additional study or enter the workforce. Acquired skills include:

A Versatile Skill Set - Studying English develops critical thinking, communication and analytical skills that will serve you well in every aspect of your life and vocation.

Self and Other-Awareness - Studying English exposes you to diverse cultures and human experiences through literature. This broadens perspectives and deepens understanding of the world, facilitating both personal growth and professional opportunities.

Creativity and Expression - English studies foster creativity and self-expression, allowing space for you to explore and develop your own voice through poetry, fiction and non-fiction writing. Whether you are looking to get into a creative industry, or you just appreciate the power and beauty of the written word, an English major could be a great fit for you.

Potential Jobs

A degree in English can prepare you for potential jobs like:

- Advertising Assistant
- Copywriter
- Corporate Trainer
- Editor
- Educator
- Freelance Writer
- Journalist
- Manager
- Marketing Director
- Project Manager
- Public Relations Manager
- Technical Writer

Potential Salary

Salaries for English majors vary widely depending on position.

Transfer Opportunities

Students in the English degree can successfully transfer to colleges and universities around the country, including:

- Boston University
- Emerson College
- Keene State College
- Plymouth State University
- Rivier University
- Southern NH University
- University of New Hampshire
- University of Massachusetts
- ...and many more!

Degree Requirements

English Degree

Degree Program - First Year

First Year	Fall Semester	TH	LAB	CR
FYE100M	MCC Essentials	1	0	1
ENGL110XM or ENGL110M	College Composition I with Corequisite or College Composition I	4	0	4
	Science Elective (<i>BIOL, CHEM, ENVS, ESCI, GEOL, PHYS</i>)	3	0	3
	Social Science Elective (<i>ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, POLS, PSYC, SOCI</i>)	3	0	3
	Liberal Arts and Sciences Elective*	3	0	3
	Total	14	0	14

First Year	Spring Semester	TH	LAB	CR
ENGL113M	Introduction to Public Speaking	3	0	3
ENGL207M	Introduction to Literary Analysis	3	0	3
	Literature Elective (<i>must be 200 level</i>)	3	0	3
	Mathematics Elective (<i>can be 3 or 4 credits</i>)	3	0	3/4
	Social Science Elective (<i>ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, POLS, PSYC, SOCI</i>)	3	0	3
	Total	15	0	15/16

Degree Program - Second Year

Second Year	Fall Semester	TH	LAB	CR
ENGL220M	College Composition II**	4	0	4
	Mathematics Elective (<i>can be 3 or 4 credits</i>)	3	0	3/4
	Foreign Language/Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0	3
	English Elective (<i>must be 200 level</i>)	3	0	3
	Pre-1800 Literature Elective (<i>ENGL200M***, ENGL209M, ENGL248M, ENGL288M, ENGL258M</i>)	3	0	3
	Total	16	0	16/17

Second Year	Spring Semester	TH	LAB	CR
	English Elective (<i>must be 200 level</i>)	3	0	3
	Lab Science Elective (<i>BIOL, CHEM, ENVS, ESCI, GEOL, PHYS</i>)	3	3	4
	Foreign Language/Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0	3
	Social Science Elective (<i>ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, POLS, PSYC, SOCI</i>)	3	0	3
	Post-1800 Literature Elective (<i>ENGL200M***, ENGL201M, ENGL208M, ENGL210M, ENGL218M, ENGL224M, ENGL227M, ENGL228M, ENGL229M, ENGL235M</i>)	3	0	3
	Total	15	3	16
	Total Credits - 61/62/63			

*Liberal Arts and Sciences Elective: any course with ANTH, ARTS, ASL, BIOL, CHEM, ECON, ENGL, ENVS, ESCI, FREN, GEOG, GEOL, HIST, HUMA, MATH, PHIL, PHYS, POLS, PSYC, SOCI, or SPAN in the course number.

**Denotes milestone course which must be taken / passed in the semester indicated to maintain good standing in the degree program

***ENGL200M This course can count as pre- or post-1800 course dependent on topic. Please refer to the English Faculty with questions.

All courses and degree requirements are subject to change. For the most current information on MCC programs, see mccnh.edu/programs.

New Hampshire Transfer Connections

The NH Transfer Connections program streamlines the transfer process between schools in the Community College System of NH (CCSNH) and schools in the University System of NH (USNH). Requirements for participants are outlined at nhtransfer.org/connections-program; additional information can also be obtained from MCC's Career Development & Transfer Services.



"I Love English Majors."

"I love how smart they are. I love how well read they are. I love their ability to write well and think critically, and most of all, I love to hire them. For my money, I think English majors are a great choice for any entrepreneur's next employee or intern..."

I love how you are able to think critically and solve problems:

...What gets lost in the noise about the need for specialization these days is that what small business owners often need are generalists. We need folks who can jump in, quickly see the issue, think critically and solve the problem . . . sort of like someone who was given some dense literary passage and had to read it, analyze it, and write intelligently about it in 45 minutes.

I love how well you relate to customers: English majors have spent a lot of time thinking, reading, and talking about, at the risk of sounding maudlin, "the human condition." They focus on empathy and emotional intelligence. And whether it is that, or some other reason beyond my ken, what I have found is that the English majors I have hired have uniformly impressed customers and have been great at dealing and interacting with clients.

I love how well you write. I run a content company and so of course I need people who can write well. But I am certainly not alone; if you have ever received an email from someone who uses "I" instead of "I", you know what I mean. Almost all entrepreneurs need people who can: handle social media and marketing, write copy and/or create content, respond to customers' inquiries and email

... I love how easy you are to work with: I love how confident and well-spoken you are (even if your Chaucer reference goes over my head sometimes.)

So yes, to you Humanities grads generally and English majors specifically, we love you to the depth and breadth and heights that our businesses can reach."

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