

English

College of Liberal Arts

Department of English (<https://www.uaf.edu/english/>)
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B.A., English

The B.A. in English at UAF provides training in rhetorical dexterity, critical acumen and creative ingenuity — habits of mind that develop alongside intellectual inquiries concerning the production and reception of literary and non-literary texts. As effective creators and thoughtful consumers of print and digital information, students learn how to identify critical methods, analyze language in varying historical, cultural and institutional contexts, and employ research in writing and speaking for a professional audience in the humanities.

The department has a particular strength in creative writing; students will have the opportunity to attend lectures and workshops with respected visiting writers and scholars as well as resident faculty. Mindful of how language shapes problems, communities and environments, students are prepared for a variety of graduate programs and careers in diverse fields such as education, law and business.

Minimum Requirements for English Bachelor's Degree: 120 credits

Learn more about the bachelor's degree in English (<https://uaf.edu/academics/programs/bachelors/english.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

M.A., M.F.A., M.F.A./M.A. Degrees

The English department offers core courses in writing and literature, and upper-division courses in literature, linguistics, creative writing, technical writing and literary criticism. The department also offers a two-year M.A. degree in literature, a three-year M.F.A. degree in creative writing and an M.F.A./M.A. combined degree in creative writing and literature that can be completed in three years. Teaching assistantships are available for the three programs. The M.A. degree offers advanced study of literature and literary theory, as preparation for teaching or for entering a Ph.D. program. The M.F.A. degree is a terminal degree, culminating in the production of a publication-quality thesis manuscript of poetry, fiction, drama or creative nonfiction. The M.F.A./M.A. is a combined degree designed for qualified individuals who wish to produce a publication-quality thesis manuscript of creative writing but also would like to pursue in a systematic manner the study of literature and literary theory in preparation for college teaching or entering a Ph.D. program.

Minimum Requirements for English Degrees: M.A.: 30-36 credits; M.F.A.: 45 credits; M.F.A./M.A.: 45 credits

Learn more about the master's degree in English (<https://www.uaf.edu/academics/programs/masters/english.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

Learn more about the master's degree in creative writing (<https://www.uaf.edu/academics/programs/masters/creative-writing.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

Minor, Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern Studies

The minor in ancient, medieval and early modern studies will provide students with a background in the Western tradition in disciplines that emphasizes key artistic, literary, philosophical, political, religious and social movements in these time periods. Students will have a better understanding of the workings and struggles, advancements and achievements, and conflicts and prejudices of these civilizations and cultures. The curriculum requires that students take classes in at least three fields of study and thereby ensures that students will engage in a well-rounded examination of these time periods.

Minimum Requirements for Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern Studies
Minor: 18 credits

Programs

Degrees

- B.A., English (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/english-ba/>)
- M.A., English (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/english/>)
- M.F.A., Creative Writing (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/creative-writing/>)
- Combined M.F.A./M.A., Creative Writing and Literature (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/english-mfa-ma-combined/>)

Minors

- Minor, Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern Studies (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/ancient-medieval-and-early-modern-studies/>)
- Minor, Creative Writing (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/creative-writing/>)
- Minor, English (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/english/>)