

Minor in English

Why study English language and literature?

Because reading and writing shape the world.

KU's English Department is at the core of the humanities, highlighting the "human" through our individual, one-on-one interactions with our students, our emphasis on community and global engagement, and our abiding interest in our shared humanity through the stories of others. We seek to challenge the mind and to engage the imagination of our students, to teach them to ask questions and to seek for answers. We encourage them to grapple with the complexity of a culturally and commercially interconnected world and the global networks and processes of cultural exchange. We believe that words and ideas will shape the world. We teach our students life-long skills, so that they learn to write clearly, creatively, and effectively—discovering themselves even as they lay a solid foundation for professional success.

A commitment to teaching and learning.

Our department is renowned for its tradition of excellence in teaching. The vast majority of our undergraduate classes have 15-25 students, and much of the class time is dedicated to active learning and engagement with texts and ideas. In the last ten years, faculty members in the department of English have won ten Kemper Fellowships for Excellence in Teaching, two Chancellors Club Teaching Professorships, a Career Achievement Teaching Award, and a wide variety of other university-level teaching and advising awards, and the department as a whole received the Center of Teaching Excellence (CTE) award for Department Excellence in Teaching at the University of Kansas.

A variety of career and life paths.

The English minor is an excellent complement to any major or professional degree. English students graduate to a variety of careers, including law, teaching, scholarship, publishing, library science, and journalism--as well as medicine, business, politics, design, and any number of other fields that value clear communication, interpretive skill, and critical and creative thinking.

Engaged and innovative scholarship.

KU's English Department has several core strengths that cross tracks and periods, including Global and Cross-Cultural Approaches; Literature, Rhetoric, and Social Action; Diversity Studies; Language, Literature and Science; and Popular Expressive Forms.

At the KU English Department, students work closely with nationally-renowned writers and researchers. Our faculty have won national awards that recognize excellence in research, including grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Philosophical Society, and the Newberry Library, among others. English Department faculty members have also received major research funding from the University of Kansas, including the Hall Center for the Humanities Research fellowships and Keeler Intra-University Fellowships for interdisciplinary work. Undergraduate students can work one-on-one with faculty mentors in the Honors Program, McNair Scholars Program, and Dean's Scholars Program.

Requirements for the Minor

18 hours. ENGL 300 is required (3 hours). The remaining hours may be selected from elective courses in Literature, Creative Writing, and Rhetoric, Language, and Writing Studies. 15 hours must be ENGL 300+ level courses; no more than 1 ENGL 200-level course may count toward the minor.

ENGL 494, ENGL 495, ENGL 496, and ENGL 497 may not be applied to English minor requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Course		
ENGL 300	Introduction to English Studies	3
Elective Courses*		
Satisfied by 5 ENGL courses. Only one 200-level course (3 hours) may be counted; all other courses must be 300-level or above.		15
Total Hours		18

*additional courses may count with departmental approval.

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).