Department of English

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The Department of English offers a Major in English and Minor in English,
Minor in Professional Writing, and a Major in Teacher Education and
Minor in Teacher Education.

The field of English focuses on the study and practice of various forms of
writing in English. It includes:

1. the study of written works in English—whether by writers from the
   United States, Britain, former colonies, the Commonwealth nations,
   or elsewhere—whose aesthetic achievement and cultural significance
   qualifies them as literature;
2. the study of literary criticism and theory, of the relationship between
   literature and popular culture, and of allied narrative forms such as
   film, performance, electronic communications, and other new media;
3. the study of the English language, its historical development, and its
   rhetorical dimensions;
4. the theory and practice of writing, whether of poetry, fiction, nonfiction
   prose, or other expository forms;
5. the theory and practice of teaching English language and literature,
   particularly at the secondary level.

Students who major in English develop broad reading and writing skills
that make possible both an analytical engagement with, and a critical
understanding of, diverse fields of cultural and aesthetic production. The
English major offers excellent preparation for careers in writing, editing,
publishing, teaching, government, law, and advertising.

Writing Internship Program

The English department offers writing internships in fields such
as journalism, public relations, advertising, publishing, corporate
communications, technical writing, information technology, and
broadcasting. Students benefit by acquiring hands-on experience and
professional writing samples for use in job applications.

To qualify, students must be enrolled full time at UIC, have taken
ENGL 202 and ENGL 240, and be in good academic standing. Students
who wish to receive credit for their writing internship must be admitted to
and enroll in ENGL 493.

Distinction

- **Departmental Distinction.** To be eligible for Departmental Distinction, a candidate
  must have:

  1. attended UIC for three semesters,
  2. a cumulative GPA of 3.00/4.00,
  3. completed a minimum of 21 hours at UIC in courses
     required for the major, and
  4. a GPA of 3.50/4.00 in courses required for the major.

- **High Distinction.** To be eligible for High Distinction, a candidate
  must complete all requirements for Departmental Distinction with a
  GPA of 3.75/4.00 in courses required for the major.

- **Highest Distinction.** To be eligible for Highest Distinction, a
  candidate must meet all requirements for High Distinction and
  complete ENGL 398 with a grade of A.

Degree Programs

- BA with a Major in English (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/engl/ba-engl)
- BA in the Teaching of English (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/engl/ba-teachengl)

Minors

- Minor in English (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/engl/minor-engl)
- Minor in Professional Writing (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/engl/minor-prof-writing)
- Minor in the Teaching of English (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/engl/minor-teach-engl)