

# English

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In the Department of English, we explore how literary expression and rhetorical action shape and are shaped by the worlds in which they were created. Literature, language, and rhetoric offer powerful tools for understanding the ideas and beliefs that construct our lives, including present and historical formations of aesthetics, race, gender, sexuality, disability, class, colonialism, health, and the environment across a wide variety of media.

Whether you choose an English major, combine the English major with another area of study, or opt to pursue a minor, in the Department of English at Northeastern you join a community in which you can:

- Learn about the literatures and cultures of the United States, the United Kingdom, and the English-speaking world, past and present
- Investigate the rhetorics and literacies of local and global communities by using a variety of methods, including community-based, historical, and justice-based approaches
- Develop varieties of creative expression
- Engage meaningfully and generously with others through writing and discussion in our classrooms, workplaces, and communities
- Examine the power of language and rhetoric to effect action, shape knowledge and identity, and constitute communities
- Uncover how language operates through the lens of linguistics
- Explore English and the way that language shapes our communities and ourselves
- Discover how knowledge is produced through language and material forms, including digital forms
- Hone critical and analytic strategies and skills
- Balance theoretical perspectives with experiential practices
- Undertake independent research

In addition to the English major (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-ba/>), we also offer several combined majors (<https://cssh.northeastern.edu/english/program/combined-majors/>); an English minor (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-minor/>); a minor in writing (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/writing-minor/>); a minor in rhetoric (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/rhetoric-minor/>); and a minor in health, humanities, and society (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/interdisciplinary/health-humanities-society-minor/>).

## Academic Progression Standards

Same as university-wide standards described under "Academic Status (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/progression-standards/#status>)."

## PlusOne Program (MA) in English

English majors at the end of their sophomore year or the beginning of their junior year may qualify for application to the PlusOne program that combines the BA with the master's degree in English. Students interested in this option should consult with the undergraduate program director in English by the end of the sophomore year.

## Programs

### Bachelor of Arts (BA)

- English (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-ba/>)
- Africana Studies and English (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/cultures-societies-global-studies/africana-studies-english-ba/>)
- English and Communication Studies (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-communication-studies-ba/>)
- English and Criminal Justice (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-criminal-justice-ba/>)
- English and Cultural Anthropology (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-cultural-anthropology-ba/>)
- English and Graphic and Information Design (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-graphic-information-design-ba/>)
- English and Philosophy (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-philosophy-ba/>)
- English and Political Science (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-political-science-ba/>)

- English and Theatre (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-theatre-ba/>)
- History and English (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-english-ba/>)
- Journalism and English (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/journalism/journalism-english-ba/>)
- Linguistics and English (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/science/interdisciplinary/linguistics-english-ba/>)
- Media and Screen Studies and English (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-english-ba/>)

### **Bachelor of Science (BS)**

- Architecture and English (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/architecture/architecture-english-bs/>)
- Biology and English (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/science/biology/biology-english-bs/>)
- Computer Science and English (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/computer-information-science/computer-information-science-combined-majors/computer-science-english-bs/>)

### **Minor**

- English (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-minor/>)
- Rhetoric (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/rhetoric-minor/>)
- Writing (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/writing-minor/>)

### **Accelerated Programs**

See Accelerated Bachelor/Graduate Degree Programs (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/accelerated-bachelor-graduate-degree-programs/#programstext>)