

# DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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The Department of English offers courses leading to the Master of Arts (MA) degree with a major in English and supporting courses for the Master of Arts (MA) degree with a major in Integrated Studies. For students majoring in Secondary Education with a teaching field in English Language Arts, supporting courses are offered for the Master of Science in Education (MSE) degree.

The Department of English also offers courses leading to Graduate Certificates and Microcredentials in Teaching College Literature and Teaching College Writing.

**Mission Statement:** Using innovative teaching approaches, the Department of English empowers students to write and communicate across numerous current and emerging fields, to think critically, and to solve problems creatively. At all levels of instruction - from first-year composition through graduate classes - the Department of English establishes a firm foundation for students to begin their exploration of the world and, for English majors, builds on that foundation with opportunities to enrich their cultural and intellectual lives through classes that emphasize deep analysis, careful research, and rigorous writing across several fields including the study of literature, creative writing, and professional writing. The Department of English both serves the needs of the University and strives to become a destination department for those students whose personal goals and intellectual curiosity align with the Department's mission.

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- English - Teaching College Writing (Graduate Certificate and Microcredential) (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/arts-humanities-sciences/english/teaching-writing-certificate/>)

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