**Northwest Missouri State University**
**School of Language, Literature, and Writing**
**Writing: Creative Writing and Publishing Emphasis (Minor Required)**
**Bachelor of Arts**

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| **First Year** | | | | | |
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| **First Semester** | | | **Second Semester** | | |
| 10-111 | Composition I | 3 | 10-112 | Composition II | 3 |
| 10-220 | Introduction to Literature | 3 | | Global Perspectives | 3 |
| 77-101 | University Seminar | 1 | 34-102 | American Government & Politics | 3 |
| 10-210 | Introduction to Creative Writing | 3 | | Social and Behavioral Science | 3 |
| 33-155/156 | The United States to 1877 OR Since 1877 | 3 | | Life Sciences & Lab | 4 |
| **Total Hours** | | **13** | **Total Hours** | | **16** |
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| **Second Year** | | | | | |
| **First Semester** | | | **Second Semester** | | |
| | NW Core | 3 | 29-102 | Fundamentals of Oral Communication | 3 |
| 10-203 | Writing and Rhetoric | 3 | 17-115 | Concepts of Math (or other core math) | 3 |
| 10-315 | Professional and Technical Writing | 3 | | Creative Writing (313, 314, 560) | 3 |
| | Physical Sciences & Lab | 4 | 14-142 | Spanish II | 3 |
| 14-141 | Spanish I | 3 | | Fine Arts | 3 |
| **Total Hours** | | **16** | **Total Hours** | | **15** |
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| **Third Year** | | | | | |
| **First Semester** | | | **Second Semester** | | |
| | Creative Writing (312, 316, 414) | 3 | | Elective | 3 |
| 10-403/504 | Studies in Lang or Lang/Linguistics | 3 | | Minor | 3 |
| 14-242 | Intermediate Spanish I | 3 | | Creative Writing (313, 314, 560) | 3 |
| | Social and Behavioral Science | 3 | | Minor | 3 |
| | Literary Traditions (306, 318, 372, 520) OR Mod. Lit. (224, 341) | 3 | | Literary Traditions (230, 343, 372, 520, 590) OR Mod. Lit. (226, 307, 319, 351) | 3 |
| **Total Hours** | | **15** | **Total Hours** | | **15** |
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| **Fourth Year** | | | | | |
| **First Semester** | | | **Second Semester** | | |
| 10-410/405 | Professional Portfolio Preparation or Senior Seminar | 3 | | Minor | 3 |
| 10-512 | Publication Skills | 3 | | Minor | 3 |
| | Minor | 3 | | Minor | 3 |
| | Minor | 3 | | Elective | 3 |
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## THE NORTHWEST DIFFERENCE

**English** majors tend to be readers or writers. Many are both. Through coursework in literature, writing, linguistics and the history of the English language, students explore a diverse range of texts with the goal of becoming thoughtful and knowledgeable readers, writers, thinkers, communicators and artists.

In addition to reading and writing, students are introduced to the principles of linguistics, writing pedagogy, community literacies, publishing, workplace writing and creative writing. They read and engage in discussions about literary works, participate in literary criticism, write in a variety of analytical argumentative and creative genres, and are challenged to view language through artistic, social and scientific lenses.

### Minor in English

A minor in English teaches students the foundations of American and English literature. Additionally, students will learn skills about creative writing, writing for professionals and playwriting. After taking the required courses, students can customize their minor from a list of approved electives. For a list of required courses, visit the academic catalog. This minor requires the completion of 24 credit hours.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**91%**
placement rate

**91%** of students who graduate with an English degree obtain employment or continue their education within six months after graduation. Job titles related to this major include:

- Writer
- Editor
- Publisher

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- Copy writer
- Technical writer
- Speech writer

## PROFESSION-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

- **GreenTower Press** is a small press supported by the department, and managed by two faculty members. GreenTower Press publishes a highly lauded literary magazine, *The Laurel Review*. Each term, **student interns gain professional publishing experience** with GreenTower Press and *The Laurel Review*. Students work as editors-in-training at *The Laurel Review*, where they read, judge and edit manuscripts for publication.
- Middle and high school **teacher candidates in English** acquire not only the certification required for success in the classroom, but also the skills and experiences necessary to make meaningful and lasting change in future students' lives and communities.