why ENGLISH?

The Department of English at Sam Houston State University includes award-winning, internationally published professors. It offers small class sizes, personal attention from faculty, opportunities to interact with nationally recognized writers, and opportunities to publish and to present papers at conferences and enter writing contests.

A degree in English can open the door to a number of career possibilities. Most professions and professional schools stress the need to read, write, and speak well—skills English courses help develop and sharpen. Career opportunities include teaching, technical and professional communication, journalism, government service, editing, scholarly and trade publishing, law, and business.

We offer several scholarships for English majors. Students may apply for non-degree specific scholarships by filling out the ScholarX online application. Transfer scholarships are also available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston.

There are many ways to learn more about the English Program at Sam Houston State University, but the best way is to experience it for yourself.

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SHSU students may choose from a wide range of courses and subject areas for a minor that fits their individual interests and career goals.

The Department of English offers minors in English (with or without Secondary Education Certification), Creative Writing, and Professional Writing.
MINORS OFFERED

Sam Houston students who major in other fields of study may elect one of four minors in English. Each minor requires 18 hours of course work in English. In keeping with the intent of a minor to broaden students’ knowledge, none of the courses taken for minors may be used to satisfy the requirement of any other major or minor.

MINOR IN ENGLISH

English Certification Minor with SED Minor (18 hrs) Course Requirements:
ENGL 2331 or 2342
ENGL 3373
ENGL 3374
ENGL 4364
ENGL 3 hr 4000 ENGL elective
ENGL 3 hr 3000/4000 ENGL elective

English Minor (18 hrs) Course Requirements:
ENGL 2331 or 2342
ENGL 3360, 3361, 3384, 3385 (Choose three)
ENGL 3 hr 4000 ENGL elective
ENGL 3 hr 3000/4000 ENGL elective

SECONDARY EDUCATION

The English minor with Standard Secondary Certification requires 24 hours of coursework.

Secondary Education (24 hrs) Course Requirements:
CISE 4374: Human Growth and Learning
CISE 3383: Planning Instruction with Tech Integration
Methods: CISE 4364, CISE 4394, READ 4320
Student Teaching: CISE 4380, 6 hrs CISE 4396 or 4397

MINOR IN AMERICAN STUDIES

The American Studies Minor explores aspects of the American experience locally, nationally, and within the global community from various perspectives and disciplines, including literature, history, political science, psychology, sociology, communication studies, and criminal justice. Minors will complete 18 semester credit hours of study, to include one required course, AMST 2376 (Introduction to American Studies), and five elective courses.

The elective courses will be drawn from three categories of concentration, and students will select two courses from any two of these categories and one course from a third category to comprise their fifteen elective hours.

- Regional and Borderland Studies (studies of Texas, the Southwest, and border culture);
- Ethnicity and Race in America (racial and ethnic minority experiences, history, and cultural expression); and
- Gender in America (women’s and masculinity studies).

At least nine of the eighteen hours comprising the minor must be writing-intensive courses.

MINOR IN CREATIVE WRITING

Students who identify with writing that emphasizes narrative craft, character development, and the use of literary tropes would enjoy creative writing courses.

Creative Writing (18 hrs) Course Requirements:
ENGL 3380: Advanced Composition
ENGL 3381: Intro to Creative Writing Fiction
ENGL 3382: Intro to Creative Writing Poetry
ENGL 3383: Practicum in Publishing
ENGL 4380, 4381, or 4382: Advanced Creative Writing Nonfiction, Fiction, or Poetry
ENGL 3 hr 3000/4000 ENGL elective

MINOR IN TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Writing which falls within the bounds of professional, journalistic, academic, or technical genres makes up the course of study for technical and professional writing minors.

Technical and Professional Writing (18 hrs) Course Requirements:
ENGL 3330: Introduction to Technical Writing
ENGL 3377: Argument and Persuasion
ENGL 3378: Designing Written Documents
ENGL 4330: Writing in the Professions
ENGL 4335: Studies in Rhetoric
ENGL 3 hr 3000/4000 ENGL elective*

*ENGL 3380: Advanced Composition is recommended