



ABOUT EIU & CHARLESTON

Eastern Illinois University is located in the city of Charleston in Central Illinois. Charleston's historic setting, country charm, and tranquil scenery, coupled with the trademarks of a typical college town, make it a perfect backdrop to enjoy a week studying one of your favorite subjects and meeting students who share your interests.

The campus is conveniently located between three metropolitan areas: 2 hours from St. Louis, 2 hours from Indianapolis, and 3 hours from Chicago. With a train station one town over and airports just an hour or two away, transportation to and from campus is easy.

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ENGLISH STUDIES CAMP

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
JUNE 14-20, 2026

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY IS EXCITED TO ONCE AGAIN OFFER ITS ANNUAL ENGLISH STUDIES SUMMER CAMP IN 2026!

We look forward to welcoming high school students who share our love of reading and writing.

This one-week camp allows students to hone their English skills and explore the potential career benefits of English Studies while providing them with a chance to sample life on a college campus and meet peers with similar interests.

Offering courses that reflect students' interests, our engaged faculty and tranquil setting provide that perfect opportunity for students to have an academically charged summer getaway where they can grow as readers, writers, debaters, and English scholars!

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The EIU English Studies Summer Camp is a unique program that allows students to customize their program of study, selecting two sessions from a range of offerings in creative writing, literature, professional/academic writing, media studies, and more. Students grow academically and socially as they prepare for college and are mentored by expert faculty who share their passion for reading and writing. Students receive individual attention through small class sizes and gain skills in analyzing and crafting texts and expressing



their ideas both verbally and through writing. The camp offers two levels of discounted tuition (a residency rate which includes tuition, housing, recreation, and three meals per day, and a commuter rate which includes tuition, recreational activities, and daily lunches). Scholarships for full or partial funding are available.

ACTIVITIES

Camp participants will enjoy a range of fun recreational activities starting with the welcome pizza party on Sunday night (an informal meet-and-greet for students and faculty) and ending with the celebration gala on Saturday morning (a public reception where students share their work with their families and the community).

When not in class, students will participate in indoor and outdoor games, movies, picnics, karaoke jam sessions, slam poetry readings at the local coffee shop, and more. EIU admissions and campus tours will be available by appointment on the last day. Living, dining, learning, and socializing together, students will have the opportunity to form lifelong friendships.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Students will enroll in a morning and afternoon course from the offerings made available. Sessions for the Summer of 2026 include those listed below. Extended course descriptions are listed on the camp website.

- Thinking Graphically: Reading and Writing Comics
- Exploring & Creating Fanfiction
- How to Convince Your Peers: Creating Film and Media Review Podcasts that Work
- Junk Drawer of the Mind: Journaling Approaches
- Writing Comedy: It IS a Laughing Matter
- Exploring Adaptions to Create
- Finding Your Story: From Idea to Page
- Exploring Poetic Expression and Author Intent



HOW TO APPLY

Students who will be 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th graders, or college freshmen, in the academic year following the camp can apply for admission starting January 15 by completing the following process:

1. Complete the online application at go.eiu.edu/EnglishCamp.
2. Along with this application, submit a one-page essay explaining your interest in the program.

All applications and supporting materials must be submitted online by May 1. Students will be notified of their session placements by email by May 20.

Additional information, including a detailed program schedule and driving directions to campus, will be sent to all students at this time. Confirmation of camp attendance, required paperwork, and full payment will be due by June 1. Payments received after June 1 will be subject to a \$25 late fee.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We are pleased to offer a variety of full and partial scholarships designed to recognize high achieving students and allow students demonstrating financial need to attend this camp. For more information on these scholarships visit go.eiu.edu/EnglishCamp. Scholarship applications – including supporting material (e.g. transcript/report card, letter of nomination) – are due by May 1. Scholarship awards will be announced along with camp session placements by May 20.

REGISTRATION RATES

RESIDENTIAL RATE: \$425

Includes tuition, supervision, program materials, housing, and meals. Students stay in university residence halls and receive cafeteria-style meals served in the campus dining halls. Students will check in at registration on Sunday late afternoon prior to the opening celebration and will check-out on Saturday early afternoon following the closing reception. Students and families will have the option to attend pre-arranged campus appointments (e.g. admissions, campus tours) Friday or Saturday morning.

COMMUTER RATE FOR LOCAL STUDENTS: \$225

Includes tuition, program materials, and daily lunches. Commuting students will check in at registration on Sunday late afternoon prior to the opening celebration and thereafter must arrive on campus by 9 am for classes Monday-Friday and depart campus by 5 pm. Students will also attend the closing reception on Saturday morning and have the option to attend pre-arranged campus appointments in the afternoon (e.g. admissions, campus tours).

STUDENT CANCELLATIONS

Refunds, less a \$25 non-refundable deposit, will be made for cancellations received by June 1. 50% refunds will be issued for cancellations received from June 2-7. Sorry, no refunds will be issued after June 7.



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