



EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY™

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 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!

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.

FROM THE CLASSICS TO THE POP CULTURE...

Students will enroll in a morning and afternoon course from offerings. This year's sessions include:

- 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

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Students who will be in the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grades, or incoming College Freshmen, in the academic year following the year following the camp can apply for admission. The camp website houses additional information and application materials. Applications will be due May 1. Students will be notified of their session placements and scholarships by May 20.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

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.

WHAT ELSE WILL YOU DO?

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.

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION:

Visit go.eiu.edu/EnglishCamp or contact Dr. Melissa Ames, EIU Professor of English at mames@eiu.edu.



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