



ENGLISH MAJOR CONCENTRATIONS

Area of concentration	What you'll study	Who it's for	Double concentration/ double major?
English Language Arts (ELA)	All aspects of English Language Arts, along with methods of teaching (including courses in the College of Education and 3 courses focused on methods of teaching the various areas of Language Arts)	Students who wish to teach English Language Arts at the high school level (or, with an additional endorsement, the middle school level)	It's not impossible to combine ELA with another concentration or major, but it might add time to graduation (except for students who bring in a large number of AP credit/dual credit courses)
Literary & Cultural Studies	Literature from ancient times to the present—including classics, best sellers, graphic novels, spoken word, and more—studied both as works of art and in relationship to culture, society, and history.	Students who love literature. This concentration is great for those who plan to attend law school or library science school after college, to go to graduate school in English or related fields, or to pursue a minor or double major in any number of other subjects.	Absolutely! The Literary & Cultural Studies concentration can easily be combined with another concentration in English in a regular 4-year plan of study—or combined with another major or up to two minors outside English.
Creative Writing	The creation of literature. Students in this concentration choose courses from four areas of creative writing: fiction, poetry, drama (plays or screenplays), and creative nonfiction (memoir and essay), and learn to read the way writers do.	Students who write creatively or aspire to do so and want to improve their skills. This concentration is great for those who hope to publish their work, to continue on in graduate study in creative writing, or to pursue a minor or double major.	Most definitely! The Creative Writing concentration can easily be combined with another concentration in English in a regular 4-year plan of study—or combined with another major or up to two minors outside English.
Professional Writing	Writing, editing, and communication in various media (print, online, multimedia, and visual communication) for the world of business, nonprofit agencies, and professional life.	Students who wish to work as professional writers or editors or who want to enhance their communication skills in any profession, such as law, medicine, science.	Certainly! The Professional Writing concentration can easily be combined with another concentration in English in a regular 4-year plan of study—or combined with another major or up to two minors outside English.
English Studies	You'll design a mix of courses from the other concentrations based on your own interests.	Students who have a very specific goal for their English major that is not easily accommodated in one of the other concentrations.	If you choose this concentration, you can add a major or minor outside English to it, but not another concentration in English.