

# ENGLISH



*"All of my literature classes have been beneficial to me in that they have influenced how I write and what I write about."*

– Liz Fulmer '15  
English with Music Minor

Whether you start out wanting to teach and then decide you want to work in publishing, or you start out wanting to go to law school and then go into business, Millersville University's English program prepares you not only for those career paths, but also for negotiating your changes as smoothly as possible—whether they happen in college or 20 years down the road.

## DEGREES/CONCENTRATIONS

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH (B.A.)

Degree that encompasses the liberal arts with these optional concentrations:

- **Comparative Literature** facilitates the study of literature from an international and global perspective. Such study increases our students' sensitivity and awareness of cultural diversity that our geocultural circumstances increasingly demand.
- **English as a Second Language** allows both liberal arts and secondary-education students to pursue concentrated study in the area of teaching English as a second language.
- **Film Studies** develops students' skills and proficiency in the discipline and industry of film, including its history, aesthetics, terminology, methods of analysis, theoretical issues and social impact/interactions.
- **Linguistics** enables students to pursue an interest in language study in a formal way. This option introduces students to all major branches of the field of linguistics: descriptive (theoretical), historical/comparative and applied.
- **Journalism** offers both instruction in theoretical principles as well as practice in the various elements of journalism, including editing and journalistic specializations like feature writing.
- **Writing Studies** develops future writers' understanding of rhetorical and stylistic principles while also providing them practical experience in various genres, with diverse audiences and with up-to-date technologies.

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION (B.S.E.) - CERTIFICATION IN ENGLISH

- **Professional Development School (PDS)** provides a full-year internship experience that immerses future teachers in a school setting. This senior-year apprenticeship with a master teacher allows English B.S.E. students to shift their focus from learning about teaching to implementing their learning in the classroom. This connection benefits local schools as well as future job seekers.



*"I use my English and film degrees daily!"*

– Danielle Floyd Prokopchak '07  
Director of Broadcasting, Senate of Pennsylvania

### MINORS IN ENGLISH

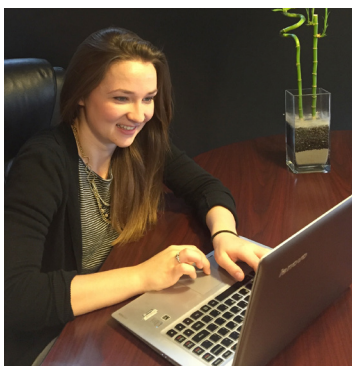
- American Literature
- British Literature
- English
- Film Studies
- Journalism
- Linguistics
- Writing Studies



## Become an English Teacher

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION (B.S.E.) - CERTIFICATION IN ENGLISH

Combine your interests in English and teaching with this four-year program, which offers both content knowledge in English and extensive teacher training in our award-winning Professional Development School.



## CAREER READINESS

Starting in 2016, all Millersville English majors will complete their studies with a culminating capstone course that applies their classroom learning to in-depth practical experiences. For our B.S.E.s, this is student teaching in our Professional Development School. For our B.A.s, this could be doing an internship with a company, taking a course to create a portfolio or writing a thesis. Whatever path they select, English majors find that Millersville thoughtfully enables its English students to transition easily into their chosen careers.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND GRADUATE SCHOOL

Graduates enjoy careers in business, web content management, marketing, management, speechwriting, higher education, public and private secondary school teaching, journalism, public relations, law, advertising, technical writing, publishing, human resources, sales and writing. English students have pursued postgraduate education in English, linguistics and philosophy at schools like Penn State, Temple and Lehigh.

## ABOUT OUR GRADUATES

- Heather Leed Neary is president of Auntie Anne's.
- Danielle Floyd Prokopchak, Director of Broadcasting for the Senate of Pennsylvania, received *Central Penn Business Journal's* "40 under 40" business leader award in 2014.
- Greg Pizzoli won the Theodor Geisel Award for his children's book, *The Watermelon Seed*.
- Abigail Henson published the first of her five-book series in 2013, entitled *Nebalia: The Quest for the City of Lights*.
- James Hoch, English minor, published two books of poetry: *Miscreants* (Norton, 2007) and *A Parade of Hands* (Silverfish Review Press, Winner of the 2001 Gerald Cable Book Award).

Our BSEs teach in innumerable regional secondary-education settings, helping Pennsylvania's next generation to think about their worlds and to master language arts.

The National Association of Professional Development Schools recognizes Millersville's English program for its excellence in training future teachers. In 2014, Millersville University won the **Exemplary Professional Development School Achievement Award**.

## FACULTY

As active scholars, our faculty regularly publish books and articles, present their research at professional conferences, and engage students and colleagues in research, publishing and presentations. As dedicated teachers and caring advisors, they work with individual students to explore, determine, and reach their educational and career goals. As community-minded individuals, some faculty members also advise clubs, arrange for cultural events, and provide community service-learning opportunities to enhance our literary, cultural and geographical communities.

## FACILITIES

- **Writing Center** – Students get the opportunity to work as peer tutors for other students at the University by helping them develop, organize and critique their papers.

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- **The Snapper**, our student-run newspaper, offers opportunities for future journalists to get experience writing, editing and laying out copy.
- **Creative Writers' Guild** provides students with a supportive environment and both an outlet and an audience for their creative writing in any genre.
- **English Club** sponsors activities and discussions of interest to individuals with a love of words, drama, poetry, fiction and film. Club members host literary readings of poetry and short works of fiction, screen films, attend plays and participate in cultural events.
- **Film Club** provides a venue for discussion about cinema and media. The club screens films on campus and travels to festivals like the Tribeca Film Festival and the Toronto International Film Festival.
- **George Street Press**, our literary magazine, publishes community works of literature and art. This student-run club provides its members with real-world publishing experience, and the Millersville community with a wealth of creative works.



*"Millersville – and especially the English program – has provided me with more opportunities than I ever imagined."*

– Amy Olweiler '16  
B.A., English

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