The English major and minor: Our major is designed to let you follow your own path with focus areas in creative writing, professional writing, literature, or language studies. Whichever path you choose, your English major will include an exploration of the traditions of literature, the nature of English as a language, and the process of writing. Minors available include English, Professional Writing, Language Studies, and Teaching English as a Second Language.

Our courses are justice centered and provide the flexibility to combine your study with other areas of interest such as Women’s Studies, Sociology, Philosophy, Psychology, Theology, or Critical Studies in Race and Ethnicity. Discuss these options with any faculty members in the department.

The department offers a variety of engaging English courses on topics such as female heroes, Harry Potter, Minnesota women writers of color, endangered languages, and immigrant perspectives. Courses encourage global awareness and community engagement through visits to the theater and art museums, study abroad experiences, or interaction with the world-class writers who visit us and connect with students.

The department faculty are outstanding teachers, respected scholars, and published authors who are all committed to guiding and nurturing students’ talents. Many of them take on research or teaching assistants, an invaluable opportunity for students to enrich skills, establish relationships with professionals and enhance their résumés. There are even opportunities to become part of published works.

Talk to your advisor early on to discuss all the ways you can enhance your English major with study abroad, internships, collaborative research and more. Don’t miss out on these amazing experiences. See highlighted boxes for more information.

Our English curriculum is women-centered, allowing it to go deeper, past the introductory level, into challenging issues related to gender and feminism.

Are you a poet or secret writer of fan fiction? Would you like to explore the English language — its uses and influence in our world? Do you read literature not just for entertainment but also to learn more about people and what connects us to one another? Would you like to develop your ability to express ideas? Do you have many interests and want a major that will bring them together? If you answer yes to any of these questions, then our English major or minor is perfect for you. At St. Kate’s, English majors learn to think creatively and analytically, and apply concepts to the real world — skills employers in every profession look for.
Use the tools

In addition to the St. Catherine Experience, use the following advising tools to ensure you graduate in the timeframe you expect!

**Degree Evaluation**: Most up-to-date tool to view your degree progression: what classes you have taken and what you still need to complete

**Transfer Evaluation System (TES)**: Use our TES database of over 50,000 pre-approved courses to see if your course has been approved for transfer.

Thinking of Pre-Law?

Obtain a copy of the St. Catherine Experience guide for planning your Pre-law curriculum at St. Catherine University

Getting ready to register for next term

1. Make sure you resolve any “HOLDS” placed on your student account which will prevent you from registering. Check the HOLD link on KateWay. Holds are placed on your record for a variety of reasons; refer to the HOLD table (see Registration Help – Holds) to determine your course of action.
2. Review the English Planning Sheet. Work with your advisor to draft a list of courses to take next term.
3. Meet with your assigned advisor to confirm or change your course plan.
4. First-year, sophomore and junior students must obtain a PIN number from their advisor in order to register.
5. Declare your major by April 1; go to the Student tab on KateWay; review your academic profile. To officially declare, go to Change Your Record to indicate your major.

- Work hard to achieve a strong GPA that will open many doors for you: honors and awards, scholarships, graduate school admission, Dean’s List, Phi Beta Kappa, etc.
- Conduct a “What If?” scenario on the Degree Evaluation link with your advisor. Explore minors and double major options with your English major.
- If you are an Honors student or considering applying to the Honors Program, review the St. Catherine Experience Antonian Honors Program Advising Guide, available in the department, Career Development, Academic Advising or online. Challenge yourself academically by exploring opportunities in program. Discuss requirements with your academic advisor. The Antonian Scholars Honors Program offers students of superior ability and motivation an opportunity to study and work with peers and with faculty mentors in a specially-designed liberal arts program. The program is comprised of interdisciplinary honors seminars or a combination of at least two seminars and pre-approved equivalents, and an independent research study conducted during the senior year. Contact your advisor for more information or see the Antonian Scholars Honors website.
- Strengthen your writing and math skills at the O’Neill Center for Academic Development.
- Talk to your advisor about classes you may want to take Summer Session.

Career Development

- Begin to explore career options. Conduct shadowing and/or an informational interview with English alumnae. Obtain names from department faculty or from Career Development staff; sample questions are available in Career Development.
- Apply for student employment. Start by logging in to KatieCareer and completing your profile. You’ll need a résumé and cover letter to apply; Career Development can help you with this.
- Review the St. Catherine Experience Pre-Law Advising Guide if a career in law is your goal. This guide is available in the department, Academic Advising, and the Career Development office.

Social Justice and Spiritual Development

- Participate in the fall’s annual Citizen Katie event, in which alumnae and current students participate in community service projects together.
- Act on St. Kate’s commitment to justice through service-learning opportunities such as Volunteers in Action, Justice Learning & Outreach trips coordinated by the Center for Spirituality and Social Justice, and off-campus student employment such as America Reads (coordinated by the Community Work and Learning.) Review courses offered each term that offer a service-learning component.

Community Connections: Get Involved in Campus Life

- Attend the Women’s Studies and Critical Studies of Race & Ethnicity Bag Lunch Discussion Series offered throughout the year. This informal lecture series brings students, faculty and staff together to discuss current topics. To see upcoming programs, go to the Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women website and link to Community Gatherings.
- Don’t miss the annual Activities Fair in September. Join the English Club or organization that captures your interest. The Activities Fair is offered again in February.
- Take in the rich Twin Cities arts culture: see a play, attend a concert, visit a gallery or museum. Be sure to attend an event at The O’Shaughnessy — one of the Twin Cities’ premier theater/music and dance venues located right on campus!
- Develop financial management skills; attend the university-wide, Money Management speaker series or register for the two-credit course, Personal Financial Fitness (available only to first and second year students.)
- Meet with your Financial Aid Counselor to ensure your financial aid plan will support your academic plan through completion of your degree.
Suggestions for making connections to your developing career goals.

Academic and Advising Connections

- Take a course in each area of focus for English majors: writing, language studies, and literature. This will help you decide which area you would like to explore further. You will also need to take a course at the 3000-level or above in each of these areas of study to complete your major regardless of your concentration.
- Check the English department website for new courses each semester to ensure you don’t miss one of interest to you. Topics courses offer unique areas of study and can be taken more than once with a new topic.
- Investigate study abroad options for your third year. There are study abroad courses available year-long, as well as for January and Summer Sessions. Many courses taken abroad can count for the English major; check with the English chair. The Global Studies office has a list of all study abroad classes, including those for Global Search for Justice.
- Attend the Second Year Celebration program in the fall as a second year-student. This is an important initiation event as a scholar at St. Catherine University.
- Check in with your advisor to make sure you are keeping abreast of your liberal arts core requirements and your major.
- Start planning now for a double major or minor if you are interested. English is an ideal major to combine with another area of study.
- Explore the application process for the Truman Scholarship, Fulbright and other prestigious undergraduate scholarships. The application process requires careful mentoring and planning. Contact the Office of the Provost at provost@stkate.edu for more information.
- Be on the lookout for scholarships and societies to apply for, particularly during your third year. See highlighted box for more information.
- Use the Degree Evaluation tool on KateWay to keep up-to-date with your major progress. This tool is located in the Student tab in the Quick Links section below Core Curriculum.

Career Development

- Continue to conduct informational interviews with alumnae who have graduated from St. Kate’s as English majors; learn how they are applying their discipline to their professional lives. Contact Career Development staff to help you develop these important contacts. Talk to your professors as well; invite them to share their wisdom, reflections and personal networks.
- Explore internship possibilities with Career Development and start the planning process. Consider signing up for Internships: Writing in the Workplace, offered Spring semester of odd numbered years to explore internships on- and off-campus. Start planning ahead for other internships before graduation. See page 6 for details.
- Plan to attend the Annual Career Opportunities Fair and the Government and Non-Profit Career Fair (fall), and the Minnesota Private College Job and Internship Fair (spring) to identify internship and job possibilities and to speak with employers.

Community Connections

- Learn important financial management skills such as how to develop and live on a budget. Consider taking a financial management course. Consider enrolling in the 2-credit course Personal Financial Fitness.
- Explore opportunities for civic engagement in Community Work and Learning. Consider taking a course with a service-learning component.
- Meet with your Financial Aid Counselor to ensure your financial aid supports your academic plans.

ACTC English Majors Conference

Attend the ACTC English Majors Conference in the spring when faculty of the ACTC English departments convene their students for a half-day conference. Students from across the ACTC will present their work in American Literature, British Literature, World & Multicultural Literature, Film, New Media, Theory and Creative Writing.

Consider a double major

Double-majoring provides students an opportunity for deeper learning, the chance to develop integrative thinking, the ability to make significant connections, and the skill to apply different intellectual perspectives across courses and subjects.

Be in the know

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Join us on Facebook: St. Kate’s English Department #AntoniasArmy #StKatesEnglish
Social Justice and Spiritual Development

- Attend the Chili and Cornbread events offered in the Multicultural and International Programs and Services (MIPS) office to discuss important and engaging topics on diversity and inclusion.
- Attend the annual fall Myser Initiative on Catholic Identity Award and Lecture Series, which brings speakers to campus to deepen our understanding of, respect for, and appreciation of the Catholic identity and heritage of the University.

Below is a sampling of what St. Kate’s English majors are doing.

- Lindsey Becker, Project Manager and Marketing Communications Assistant at MVP Marketing + Design; English and International Relations, minor: Spanish
- Kelly Barnhill, Newberry Award-winning author, The Girl Who Drank the Moon; English
- Hilary M. Novacek Bundt, Project Manager at STAR Services, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Individual & Family Services; Social Work and English (writing concentration)
- Angelique (Schaffer) Butterbrodt, Senior Specialist, Reputation Management and Communications at Target, English (writing concentration)
- Rehmi Dutt-Ballerstadt, PhD, Associate Professor, Linfield College, OR
- Aimee Egan, Vice President, American Sales – IP Solutions, Thomson Reuters, Washington DC; English, minors: Women Studies and French
- Cara Hawkinson, Associate General Counsel, United Health Care, Minneapolis-St Paul; English (literature concentration), minors: Women’s Studies and French
- Anne McKeig, JD, Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court; English
- Sarah Rose, Teacher, Seward Montessori Elementary, Minneapolis, MN
- Lori Saroya, JD, Executive Director, CAIR-MN; English

Student employment opportunities

Any student can apply for positions on and off-campus through KatieCareer, St. Kate’s online job postings for employment as well as internships. Follow the procedures to apply online by going to Career Development website. The following opportunities may be of special interest to you as an English major:

As a paid Writing Tutor for the O’Neill Center for Academic Learning (ONC), you work one-on-one with students to develop their papers and strengthen their skills — from organization to clarity of ideas to grammar and ESL help. If you are interested in a position, contact a faculty member or staff at the ONC.

The Assistantship Mentoring Program (AMP) offers students a position as a paid Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant or Program Assistant, working with a professor to build professional skills in teaching, planning, tutoring, editing, research, and writing. Talk to any of the departments’ professors about opportunities or contact Community Work and Learning, x6842.

The department also has its own English Teaching Assistant Program, where students can work as paid TA for courses they have already taken. If you loved a course and are interested in a position, talk to the professor you would like to work with.

The Wheel is St. Kate’s bi-weekly student newspaper. Students may apply for paid writing, editing, and publishing positions. Jobs at The Wheel serve an excellent addition to your résumé. Contact wheel@stkate.edu or call 651-690-6535.

Ariston is our annual publication of quality written and visual work by students at St. Kate’s. Students may submit their work for publication in the Arisston, which is juried, designed, and edited by student staff. For more information on working for Arisston or submitting work, contact the literary arts advisor, Susan Welch: swelch@stkate.edu.

Study abroad experiences

Wouldn’t you love to travel the world and earn course credit while you do it? The English department regularly offers courses abroad, and this is a perfect opportunity to learn more about writing and literature while exploring new places! Past classes have traveled to England, India, Japan, New Zealand and throughout Europe. Keep an eye on the English department website for new courses. Additional study abroad options are also available. Contact the Global Studies office for more information.

Meet with staff in Global Studies early in your academic planning for best options. Your advisor, the Department Chair, and Global Studies staff have information on the best study abroad programs that will help you complete major courses and stay on track for graduation.

Be sure to attend the Study Abroad Fair in February. Application deadline for spring semester is October 1; for summer, fall or year, March 1. J-term priority application deadline is mid-April.
Suggestions for making connections to your major.

**Academic and Advising Connections**

- Meet with your academic advisor early in the fall to ensure you are effectively planning the focus of your English major or minor. Review the Degree Evaluation and your Program Plan and choose the year’s courses, internships, global studies and other opportunities.
- Think ahead: choose your senior seminar topic. Discuss topic courses offered with your advisor. Further develop a paper you are proud of by completing an Honors in English senior thesis. Talk to your advisor about the opportunity to engage in an in-depth research project or paper through our Honors in English program.
- Discuss opportunities to present a paper or research you have conducted at the Sister Seraphim Gibbons Undergraduate Symposium, an on-campus event held each spring that celebrates student scholarship and collaborative research.
- Continue to strive for a strong GPA that will enable you to be considered for the Dean’s List, Delta Phi Lambda or Sigma Tau Delta (national honor societies), or departmental honors, scholarships and awards. Attend the Honors & Awards Ceremony in April to see what’s ahead.
- Plan for your Global Search for Justice course. Consider choosing a section that offers an off-campus learning component such as service learning or study abroad.
- Complete and submit the “Declaration of Intent to Graduate or Complete Certification” form by May 15 if you graduate in December of the next academic year.
- Consider a summer internship! Talk to your advisor and internship director about the many possibilities in the Twin Cities and beyond.

**Career Development**

- Use the graduate school resources in the Career Development library or on the Career Development website if you are considering graduate school. Attend the Graduate School Fair in October. Start the application process early; consider it as another academic course. Talk with a career counselor and your academic advisor about the pros and cons of attending graduate school right after graduation.
- Finalize a draft of your résumé with a career counselor.

**Leadership and Student Employment**

- Serve as an officer in any club or organization that you have joined. Develop important leadership skills to enhance your résumé.

**Courses to feed your interests**

**Are you interested in …**

- … how language is used today as a tool for communication, persuasion and criticism? Try *Language in Society*.
- … honing your abilities in writing nonfiction? Try *Creative Nonfiction*.
- … traveling the world? Try *World Englishes*.
- … examining how language relates to social issues like class, gender, and politics? Try *Language as Power*.
- … writing stories or poetry? Try *Intro to Creative Writing*.
- … the mechanics of writing? Try *Grammar in Practice*. Check the registrar’s website for topics offered each year.

**Take a summer course**

Catch up, get ahead, stay on track to complete your degree in 4 years.

**Programs to enhance your overall St. Catherine experience**

Apply for the Undergraduate Summer Research Program. Work side-by-side with a faculty member on original research and earn a generous stipend; add to your résumé and/or experience for graduate school. Year-long and summer opportunities are available. Inquire with any of the English professors.

**National Conference on Undergraduate Research.** Discuss opportunities to present the research you have conducted in collaboration with a faculty member at this conference that takes place each spring. Inquire with your academic advisor. Funds to support your travel may be available.

**Revise and present/submit a paper** for one of the University scholarships or monetary awards, including the Annual Awards for Research and Creative Work (through the Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women), or the Bonnie Jean Kelly and Joan Kelly Awards for Excellence in Creative and Scholarly Writing. For more information on the Undergraduate Writing Competition, go to the Writing Intensive Program (WIP) homepage on KateWay, stkate.edu/wip, and click Student Resources.

**Plan to study abroad.** Summer and J-term programs are available if you cannot schedule a semester or year-long program. Talk with your advisor and Global Studies staff early to plan this important experience.
Get involved. Feed your passion.
Here are some clubs and organizations that may interest you:

The English Club brings together students who wish to extend their interest in English beyond the classroom or may be interested in pursuing a career in English or written communications. English Club events include monthly meetings, social outings to movies and plays, and literary events on campus or around the Twin Cities. You will also have the opportunity to read or share your work with your peers.

Ariston is the student-run art and literary magazine published each spring. Submit literary works or artwork for publication to Susan Welch, srwelch@stkate.edu and keep an eye out for fliers on campus.

The Wheel is the University’s student newspaper. It is published biweekly and is distributed to various parts of campus every other Friday. Contact The Wheel at wheel@stkate.edu or 651-690-6535.

Internships: why, when and how?
English majors are strongly encouraged to seek out an internship. Internships allow you to explore and try out potential careers while gaining professional experience and exposure. The opportunity to develop and enhance skills and network with professionals is crucial to preparing for your future. Discuss with your advisor the best time to conduct your internship; take advantage of the resources available in the Career Development Office to plan ahead. Career counselors are ready to help you regardless of where you are in the process. Make an appointment or stop by during walk-in hours to begin searching and applying for internships.

Sample of internship opportunities for English majors:
- Media Relations – Communications/Writing intern
- Milkweed Editions – Editorial intern
- Minnesota Historical Society – Public Relations intern, Social Media intern
- Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) – writing intern
- Minnesota Timberwolves – Sports Writer intern
- Minnesota Women’s Consortium – Public Relations/Writing intern
- Northwest Youth and Family Services – Public Relations/Communications intern
- Ordway – Marketing intern
- Southwest Newspapers – (represents southwest metro area of Minneapolis) Editorial News intern
- Store-to-Door Newsletter – Marketing intern

If you have extensive work experience in your background, discussing internships that will match and support your career objectives and interests will be especially important. Share your specific interests with your advisor and the internship director to identify the best sites. Also, check out the Internship IDEAS Books in the Career Development Office for more options. Discuss these opportunities with any English faculty and/or the Internship Director, Laura Zirngible, in Career Development.

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Academic and Advising Connections

- Enroll in English Senior Seminar as a Senior (seminars are open to juniors if space allows). Enjoy the collaborative seminar format to discuss readings, conduct research and lead class discussions.
- Discuss opportunities to present at the spring ACTC English Majors Conference. Explore possible writing or research work with your advisor.
- Complete and submit the “Declaration of Intent to Graduate or Complete Certification” form by November 30. Go to KateWay, “Campus Resources.” Link to Office of the Registrar, then “Fill Out a Form.” Choose “Forms for Students” and select “Intent to Graduate or Complete Certification” form.
- Meet with your academic advisor to prepare for graduation by reviewing the Degree Evaluation and the Academic Catalog. (Under Quick Links, choose appropriate link to Degree Evaluation.)
- Attend the ACTC English Majors Conference in late February/early March.
- Submit work for the annual Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women Annual Awards for research, writing and leadership, or submit to other campus-wide writing awards.
- Put the finishing touches on your required portfolio.
- Attend the annual Study Abroad Fair to explore post-graduate volunteer, service and opportunities abroad.
- Complete an Honors in English research project. Talk with your advisor about the opportunity to graduate with Honors in English.

Career Development

- Attend the Twin Cities Graduate School Fair in the fall. Make sure you are aware of deadlines and application procedures if you plan to attend graduate or professional school. Complete graduate school applications if you hope to attend in fall semester of the next year. Most doctoral program applications are due in December or January for fall admittance. Master-level programs sometimes have later deadlines. Explore scholarships available for graduate school. View websites in Career Development and Financial Aid.
- Meet with a Career Counselor to ensure you have developed a job-search plan to finalize your résumé and to practice your interviewing and networking skills.

Skills developed by English majors

English is a great major to tackle concepts from literary criticism to linguistics; examine the world with a focus on psychology, social justice, philosophy, or other field of interest; harness your creative energies; equip you for a future in marketing, copy writing, or editing; and prepare you for teaching, law school, or graduate study. An English major provides flexible and transportable skills:

**Discipline-based knowledge:** Read critically and carefully; edit and write concisely; analyze texts, contexts, and information, establish hypotheses, evaluate and summarize ideas; develop flexibility in writing for different purposes and audiences.

**Critical thinking:** Perceive the world from multiple perspectives; integrate experiential knowledge with text-based knowledge; manage information, understand complex problems, and establish priorities; think independently.

**Communication:** Form and articulate reasoned arguments with confidence; sort through contexts and understand frameworks; connect reason and emotion in communication; unite influence and persuasion; tailor communication to the audience.

**Professionalism:** Manage a project from conception to completion; understand how diverse perspectives can strengthen teams; become an effective team member; meet deadlines and manage time effectively; present with a professional demeanor.
Possible graduate study paths for English majors ... a sampling

An undergraduate degree from St. Kate's also prepares you for graduate work. Here is a sampling of English majors who have gone on to graduate study:

Emily August, MFA, PhD, Vanderbilt University, MFA, University of Minnesota
Lauren Koshere, MA, Environmental Writing, University of Montana
Jessica Lopez Lyman, PhD, Chicano and Latino Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
Tréza Rosado, MA, Comparative Literature, Washington State University
Yanshuo Zhang, PhD Chinese Literature and Culture, Stanford University

Connect with alumnae and attend events sponsored by professional organizations. English majors have found satisfying employment in marketing, publishing, advocacy, research, data analysis as well as in business, including human resources departments, management, and law. Work with a career counselor to explore all the options related to your interests.

- Use your Career Development “Senior Planner” to successfully plan this year.
- Participate in the Annual Career Opportunities Fair (fall), the Government & Non-Profit Career Fair (fall), and the Minnesota Private College Job & Internship Fair (spring) to network and secure employment in your field.
- Identify faculty and staff on campus who could serve as references for your job search. Make sure you develop appropriate timelines so that you are able to meet deadlines for completed applications.

Leadership Development and Student Employment

- Serve as a TA in the department.
- Take on a leadership role in a club, organization, or student government position.
- Mentor other students for leadership roles within the department and in student organizations to which you belong.

Community Connections

- Consider postgraduate service to further live out St. Kate’s commitment to social justice. Learn about opportunities in Community Work and Learning.
- Attend the Money Management workshops on budgeting, identity theft, repaying your student loans, etc. Develop sound money skills for a life after graduation. These skills will serve you well both now and into the future.
- Celebrate graduation and all your accomplishments: attend the Honors & Awards ceremony in April.
- Become oriented to Alumni Relations and learn how to become an active and supportive alumna of the University.

Honors societies/scholarships/recognitions

Delta Phi Lambda for Creative Writing – Admission based on submission of written work judged to be of superior merit by English faculty.

Sigma Tau Delta for English – National honor society that confers distinctions for high achievement in English; admission based on GPA.

Phi Beta Kappa – National honors society for liberal arts and sciences majors who are of high moral character; rank in the top ten percent of her class as a senior or the top seven percent as a junior; and demonstrate understanding of the liberal arts education. More information? Contact Professor Meghan Mason, Chapter President or Anne Weyandt, Secretary.

Sister Eleanor Lincoln Scholarship – This scholarship supports an English or Theology major with financial need who demonstrates high academic achievement, qualities of service leadership and values consistent with the mission of the University. Open to sophomores and juniors.

The Agnes E. Keenan Award for Excellence in English – Established in 1980, this cash award is given to the graduating senior English major who, in the opinion of the department’s students and faculty, exemplifies qualities reminiscent of the woman for whom the award is named: high achievement in the English major, a genuine love of learning, generous sharing of joy in scholarship, integrity, and a strong sense of the value of the spiritual.

Post-Graduate National Fellowships and Scholarships – Students seeking post-graduate fellowships and scholarships (including the Fulbright, Rhodes, Marshall, and Rotary scholarships) can receive advice and interview help, as well as funding to prepare materials for submission. The application process for these prestigious scholarships takes thoughtful planning and mentoring; it is best to begin early. Contact the Office of the Provost at provost@stkate.edu.

English Honors Program – Open to English majors with an overall GPA of 3.5 and a GPA of 3.7 in English courses taken at St. Catherine University. If you are interested, talk to your advisor or an English faculty member before the end of your junior year to discuss possibilities. See website for more information.