

DEFIANCE COLLEGE

English

Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in English

Why Study English?

One of the most important skills one can derive from college is the ability to think and read critically.

Facts or specific skills are fairly easily mastered. The ability, however, to organize a diverse collection of facts and ideas in thoughtful, creative, and beneficial ways is a rare skill.

Add to that the ability to clearly communicate meaningful and creative ideas to a diverse audience, and you have an English graduate who is ready to take on the challenges of a complex and changing world.

“DC’s English program has opened doors to new ways of thinking that have been both challenging and fun. I know that the things I am learning here will stay with me in my career.”

Tyler Dunham
Class of 2011

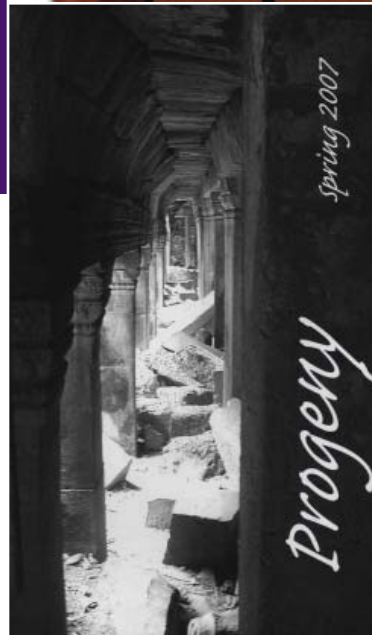


*Kristi Leaders
Class of 2009
Presenting at the McMaster Symposium*

Students in English often enjoy novels, poems, plays, and movies. Creative writing and different ways of thinking are exciting to them. Most of all, they enjoy talking and writing about how artistic experiences enrich our lives.

Professors work closely with students to develop their thinking, writing, and creative abilities in a context that is sensitive to current trends in the discipline as well as to the larger, media-driven world.

The English B.A. is deliberately designed to complement a second major in such areas as graphic design, communication arts, business, history, art, and religious studies.



Progeny invites submissions from students, staff, faculty, and their family members to be published in a bi-annual literary and photography magazine. Poetry, short stories, and photos are common submissions for the magazine.

Publications

Progeny
the literary and photography magazine of DC (online and text format)

The Defender
the Defiance College newspaper

The PaperWad
an online webzine for students of EN 111

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After College — What’s Next?

An English degree (or a double major in English) is the perfect foundation for any number of professional schools and professions: law school, public relations, journalism, business, diplomacy, information/library science, publishing, graduate studies in teaching, advertising, and sales.

http://www.defiance.edu/pages/AH_majors_english.html

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The 39-hour Bachelor of Arts English major offers preparation for a number of professions through its dual emphasis:

- (1) a 27-hour core of literature, writing, and criticism courses, and
- (2) a 12-hour program of major electives selected by the student.

Core courses enable students to deepen their knowledge of a variety of literatures and their practice of critical thinking, writing, and interpretation skills. These are foundational to a number of professions. Major elective courses allow students to develop skills and knowledge important to professions that benefit from studies in literature and writing.

EN 220	Topics in Literature
EN 270	Advanced Composition
EN 290	Introduction to Language and Literary Criticism
EN 325	Postcolonial Literature
EN 335	Shakespeare
EN 345	American Literature
EN 355	British Literature
EN 425	Modern and Contemporary Literature
EN 490	Literary and Cultural Theory

Besides the required major core courses, students are to choose 4 courses from the following list of major electives:

EN 275	Creative Writing
EN 475	Advanced Creative Writing (may be repeated)
CA 123	Media Writing
CA 130	Introduction to Film
CA 345	Media and Cultural Criticism

“The chapter of my life titled ‘English Major at Defiance College’ has been a page-turning adventure novel that I just cannot put down. Projects in courses I take, groups that I am in, and chatting with professors in my major keep me involved at an intellectual level and have made this chapter a must-read in my book.”

Miles Byrne
Class of 2011

Defiance College admits students regardless of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, or disability. 6/08

“The communication and thinking skills of an English degree are vital to the work and professions of our fast-paced, media-driven world.”

MC Harper
Associate Professor
of English



Minor in English

The minor in English is a balance of literature and writing courses and totals 18 hours. It is designed to address the interests of students who enjoy literature and the ideas that are part of literary study. The minor in English can be used to deepen the critical thinking skills of students in pre-law and can benefit those whose professional goals include well-styled language.

From the lists below students are to choose 6 courses. Of those 6 courses at least 2 must be literature courses (Group A) and 2 must be writing courses (Group B).

Group A:

EN 325	Postcolonial Literature
EN 335	Shakespeare
EN 345	American Literature
EN 355	British Literature
EN 425	Modern and Contemporary Literature

Group B:

EN 270	Advanced Composition
EN 275	Creative Writing
EN 475	Advanced Creative Writing (may be repeated)



Karolyn Avila from Oak Park, Michigan and editor of *Progeny*, reads from the most recent edition.

Come for a Visit!

A campus visit is the best way to find out how Defiance College defies the ordinary college experience. We'll arrange for you to meet with an admissions counselor, professors, coaches, students, and learn about scholarship and financial aid opportunities. You can sit in on a class, tour campus, and stay overnight if you wish. Call our Office of Admissions at 419-784-4010 or 1-800-520-GO DC to set up your appointment.