

A degree in **English** prepares you for post-graduate study, provides a strong liberal arts background, and positions you for success.

Governors State University's English Programs are Distinctive

In a typical university English program, students study the classics; from Chaucer to Whitman, and Shakespeare to Woolf.

At Governors State University, we go beyond the study of the classics. In our English programs, you will also have the opportunity to study other cultures and societies through readings in African American, Native American, Latin, Asian, and women's literature. You will study critical theory and discover analytical techniques that can be applied to any field in any profession. You will understand the world, if not change it, through the written word.

Because our broad and comprehensive curricula covers the full range of literature, you will come to understand why individuals and institutions today act and behave the way they do.

You will also learn how to inform and persuade others through both written and verbal communications – skills necessary to advance in a career and in life.



Bachelor of Arts in English

The undergraduate degree offers students a strong academic background in English studies, the creative analysis of literature, and extensive practice in the process of writing. Within this major, students may pursue course work in literature, language, composition, technical writing, or related studies in the humanities.

Bachelor of Arts in English with a Secondary Teacher Education Concentration

The program includes both English and Education courses to prepare students for careers as middle school or high school English teachers. The Secondary Teacher Education Concentration is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and is approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. It has also been recognized by the National Council of Teachers of English.

The Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant
Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, this grant provides:

- Full tuition and fees scholarships for qualified teacher education students
- On-going training and support during study at GSU, student teaching, and the first years as a teacher

Master of Arts in English

Thesis and non-thesis options

The program meets the needs of teachers of English and other adult students who wish to develop abilities that transcend any narrow specialization or particular career orientation. It leads to a concentrated understanding of civilization and culture and a broad appreciation of human motivation and behavior.

The advanced study of English can lead to:

- Expanded careers in education, including teaching at the community college level;
- Careers in publishing, editing, creative writing, and advertising;
- Continuing graduate/professional study in law, theology, and other disciplines; and
- Doctoral-level study in English and related fields

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Study English to:

- Develop your critical thinking and analytical skills
- Learn how to communicate effectively and persuasively
- Increase your understanding of how the world works, why things are as they are, and how creative the human mind can be
- Prepare yourself for post-graduate study
- Attain success in any field from education to law, advertising to public relations, administration to sales



Governors State University is an upper-division public university, offering quality baccalaureate, master's, doctoral degree and certificate programs.

GSU provides a quality education to students seeking to complete a degree program, earn a certificate, enhance their qualifications, and improve their skills.

Classes are offered at convenient times and locations, via the Internet and as media courses.

Governors State represents the best educational value in Illinois. It has the lowest tuition of any public university in the state and offers financial aid to both full and part time students.

For information on Governors State University and its English programs, call 708.534.4580 or contact the Office of Admission at 708.534.4490.

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