

DEFIANCE COLLEGE

Fall down Alice's rabbit hole into a wonderland where the adventures are grand, the people distinctive, and the language wondrous strange. Become an English major at Defiance College.

One of the most important skills a student 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.

But this is just the beginning of the rabbit hole. Now fall all the way down.

Campus 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 AH 110

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English

Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in English



Students in English get excited about different forms of creative writing and enjoy discussing the world of literature, film, and other aesthetic experiences.

At Defiance, 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 administration, history, art, and religious studies.

Progeny

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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.

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.

"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

Unique Opportunities

Every fall the English Department and Global Civilization Program of Defiance College sponsor a trip to Stratford, Ontario, for a play at the world-renowned Shakespeare Festival. Also, every summer the English Department and Arts & Humanities Division host a weekend workshop for visual and language artists, including student writers chosen from among the English majors. This workshop, called SwampFire Retreat, allows students to work side-by-side with professional writers and artists. Other opportunities sponsored by the English Department include museum trips, such as the Fall 2010 trip to the Art Institute of Chicago, the yearly spring Animarathon (anime festival) at Bowling Green, Ohio, and a yearly writers and literature conference (SSML) for faculty and students at Lansing, Michigan.

Online at englishwonderland.org

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Additionally, part-time instructors may teach specialized courses.



“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, Professor of English

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 literary 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

Defiance College admits students regardless of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, disability, or sexual orientation. 6/11

Minor in English

The minor in English is a balance of literature and writing courses and totals 18 credit 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)

“Though we teach the ‘greats,’ we also glory in studying comics, movies, genre fiction, and anime--in short, anything that has an influence on culture.”

Todd Comer
 Associate Professor
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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 419-783-2359 or 1-800-520-GO DC to set up your appointment.