

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND WORLD LANGUAGES

Welcome

Majors in the Department of English and World Languages share a love of language; they read while waiting for a scheduled appointment and write in a journal or commonplace book; they enjoy word games and puzzles and notice unusual uses of words or phrases and incorrect applications of grammar rules. They wish to visit places, observe characters, and absorb the language created in all kinds of texts. The Department of English and World Languages welcomes those who seek diversity, who understand the limits of their own worldviews and who seek ways to understand others. Language is a foundational human bond. We come to language and literature and linguistics and writing to wonder, to understand, to inspire, and to work. You are welcome here.

Our department's mission is educate citizens to use language effectively and to appreciate the history, diversity, and complexity of their culture. The department seeks to improve students' abilities to read and write, to listen attentively and to communicate, to think analytically and creatively, to appreciate the aesthetics of literature, and to value diverse cultures. Department faculty teach purposefully, leading investigations of writing, language, literature, and culture, work informed by research and scholarly activity, service to the University, and broad-based community involvement.

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Academic Programs

The Department of English and World Languages offers:

- Bachelor of arts (BA) degrees in: Italian, Spanish, English, and Professional and Technical Writing
- In collaboration with the Department of Teacher Education and Leadership Studies, Bachelor of science (BS) degrees in: Italian Education, Spanish Education, and Integrated Language Arts.
- Academic Minors in: French, Italian, Spanish, English Studies, British and American Literature, Professional and Technical Writing, Linguistics, and Creative Writing.
- Masters of Arts (MA) degrees in: English and English with a Professional and Technical Writing focus.
- A Master of Arts (MFA) in Creative Writing.
- Graduate certificates in: Literature for Children and Young Adults, the Teaching of Writing, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), and Professional and Technical Writing.
- Coursework in American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, German, Latin, Ancient Greek, and Film Studies.

Academic Activities

Students interested in French, Italian, or Spanish, including non-majors and non-minors, are invited to participate in the French, Italian, or Spanish Club. Club activities include regular meetings, conversation hours, organized dinners, and attendance at various events such as Opera Western Reserve and the Cleveland International Film Festival.

The Department strongly encourages all students to study abroad.

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Majors

- BA in English (<http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-english/ba-english/>)
- BA in Professional and Technical Writing (PTW) (<http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-english/ba-ptw/>)
- BA in Italian (<http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-foreign-languages-literatures/ba-italian/>)
- BA in Spanish (<http://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-foreign-languages-literatures/ba-italian/>)

Minors

- Minor in English Studies (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-english/minor-english-studies/>)
- Minor in British and American Studies (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-english/minor-british-american-literature/>)
- Minor in Professional and Technical Writing (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-english/minor-professional-writing-editing/>)
- Minor in Linguistics (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-english/minor-linguistics/>)
- Minor in Creative Writing (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-english/minor-creative-writing/>)
- M (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences/department-foreign-languages-literatures/french-minor/>) in French (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-foreign-languages-literatures/french-minor/>)
- Minor in Italian (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-foreign-languages-literatures/italian-minor/>)
- Minor in Spanish (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-foreign-languages-literatures/spanish-minor/>)
- Minor in Greek Studies (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-foreign-languages-literatures/greek-studies-minor/>)
- Minor in Latin (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-foreign-languages-literatures/latin-minor/>)

Certificates

- French Certificate (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-foreign-languages-literatures/french-certificate/>)
- Italian Certificate (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-foreign-languages-literatures/italian-certificate/>)
- Spanish Certificate (<http://catalog.yzu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/department-foreign-languages-literatures/spanish-certificate/>)