

# English

## Degree: Bachelor of Arts in English

The English Department of Marietta College strives to teach students not only how to interpret a Shakespearean sonnet, but to hone critical thinking skills and analyze a wide variety of literary movements. Additionally, each student who comes away with a degree in English has the skills needed to write persuasively and concisely. Students receive specialized attention from faculty who are also writers. Courses instill a fundamental knowledge of the great writers across the centuries yet allow for exploration and research into topics of interest.

### Full-time Faculty:

Dr. Nathan Anderson, Assistant Professor  
Dr. Janet Bland, McCoy Associate Professor  
Dr. Tim Catalano, Associate Professor  
Dr. Carolyn Hares-Stryker, McCoy Professor  
Dr. Beverly Hogue, Associate Professor,  
Dr. Nicole Livengood, Assistant Professor  
Dr. Joseph Sullivan, Associate Professor, Chair of the Department



### Facilities:

Marietta College's Campus Writing Center provides a collaborative, supportive, and instructional environment where students work closely with peer tutors to strengthen their college-level writing skills. We are committed to fostering growth and understanding in the writer, not just in the paper.

The Campus Writing Center is a place of learning, and is open to all students, faculty, and staff of Marietta College who desire to improve their writing confidence and self-editing skills. Writers seeking help with the conception, research, drafting, or revising stages of their paper are welcome.

### Sample courses:

The Literary Culture of Great Britain I and II

The Literary Culture of the United States I and II

The Literary Cultures of Post-Colonialism

2 of the following: The Bible as Lit., Myth and Folklore, Film as Lit., Literature into Film, Concepts of Gender, Concepts of Progress, Concepts of Nature, or Concepts of Tragedy

15 hours of 300-level courses

3 hours from Perspectives in Writing

Senior Capstone

Students wishing to pursue a concentration in Creative Writing must complete the requirements of the English major and 9 additional hours of creative writing courses.

### Honor Societies and Student Organizations:

**Sigma Tau Delta**, the international English honor society, selects high-achieving English students for membership and promotes interest in literature and the study of English, including creative writing, on campus.

Students are encouraged to submit short stories and poetry to the publication, *Pulse*, which is organized by members of Sigma Tau Delta.

[http://www.marietta.edu/Academics/undergraduate\\_degrees/english.html](http://www.marietta.edu/Academics/undergraduate_degrees/english.html)

**Scholarship Opportunities:**

**The DeLancey Memorial Fund** provides scholarship assistance to an outstanding junior majoring in English literature.

**The Lawrence M. Howard Memorial Scholarship Fund** is awarded to juniors and seniors on writing merit. Recipients may major in any subject but must submit a portfolio of writing samples to a faculty committee.

**The Beatrice A. Kremer Memorial Scholarship** benefits a junior English major who, in the judgment of the Department of English faculty, has compiled a distinguished record in English courses at Marietta College. Preference is given to students planning to teach in the field of English.

**The Margaret Ward Martin Prize** may be awarded annually to the junior or senior submitting the best original piece of creative writing.

**The Emerson Prize** may be awarded annually for the best poem or group of poems.

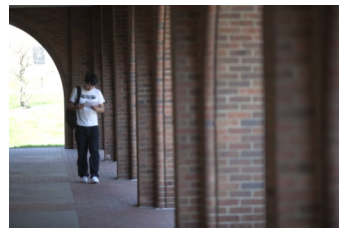
**The Burton E. Stevenson Prizes** may be awarded annually for essays devoted to some phase of American literature.

**The Joseph Green McMurry Scholarship** is awarded annually with preference given to a junior preparing to teach in the field of English.

The English Department at Marietta awards scholarships of \$2,500 to three admitted students who are prospective English majors. The scholarships are renewable each year the student remains an English major (for a possible total of \$10,000).

**What can I do with this degree?**

Editor  
Journalist  
Author

**Past Internships:**

NBC4  
The Birdwatcher's Digest

**Graduate/Professional Schools Attended by MC Graduates:**

New School for Social Research, MA, Personality Psychology  
George Washington University, MA Political Management  
Carnegie Mellon University, MA, English --  
Literary and Cultural Studies  
University of Nevada, Reno, MA, Literature & Environment  
University of Pittsburgh, MLS  
St. Louis University, PhD

**Career Outcomes of MC Graduates:**

Staff Writer, Envirolution  
Site Supervisor, Enertia Trail Foods  
Reporter, *Chronicle* Newspapers  
English Teacher, City of Euclid  
Sports Reporter, Suburban News Publications

*"My time as an English major taught me valuable tactics for analyzing texts—critical theories and interrogative strategies that I use every day in my work as a grad student in English literature. Now, as I stand before my own classroom, I need to show my students that the frustrating, tedious process of writing can also be a process of creation and discovery—despite the frustration and tedium that they're currently experiencing. I need to teach my students the barest essentials of the reading tactics that Marietta taught me, which made my reading process so rewarding. One day, I hope, my students will learn to uncover those same rewards in texts that they write. One day, I hope, I will help them to find those rewards, and I will do it with the same skill, humor, and grace that I saw in my professors."*

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State University of New York at Buffalo**