The English minor develops knowledge of literature, film, and culture within English, American, and global contexts. Our students learn to read perceptively, think critically and creatively, and write clearly and effectively.

**Why UMD**

In addition to offering courses covering centuries of literature from around the world, our program includes the following:

1. Creative writing courses (including multiple courses in fiction and poetry writing, and courses on nature writing and the memoir)
2. An internship program that draws on our relationships with local business and non-profits
3. Courses on publishing and print culture that are ideal for students interested in pursuing careers in publishing or as writers
4. Numerous award-winning teachers and advisors

**Acquired Skills**

The English program provides students with basic knowledge and skills that they can use in any number of professional fields. Students develop:

- the ability to read perceptively and write effectively
- analytical, creative, and critical thinking skills
- the ability to develop hypotheses, compare interpretations, and summarize
- the ability to influence, persuade, and present alternative viewpoints

**Career Possibilities**

Recent graduates of UMD's English program have found success in the following fields and roles: teacher, small business owner, editor, producer of plays, health claims representative, sales consultant, office manager, journalist, property manager, bookkeeper, and assistant account executive. Other graduates have been accepted in various courses of graduate study including law, medicine, business, neuroscience, creative writing, theology, and library science.