The Bachelor of Applied Arts (B.A.A.) in Teaching Communication Arts and Literature is offered by the Department of Education in conjunction with the Departments of English, Communication, Linguistics, and Writing Studies. The major gives students the valuable experience of playing both student and teacher roles at once. Students try out various forms of writing while learning to teach writing; read engaging texts across many genres while learning to teach reading and literature; and learn from their own experiences as students while taking on more and more responsibility as teachers in real classrooms. This program helps student develop skills and best practices to be innovative leaders and educators who are ready for current and future school settings.

Acquired Skills

- Extensive knowledge of literature across time periods and genres.
- The ability to write across a range of genres.
- Explicit knowledge of English language, grammar, and rhetoric.
- Strategies for improving students' reading, writing, and communication.
- Curriculum and lesson plan development.

Career Possibilities

Entry Level:

- Middle and High School English Teacher
- Editor
- Journalism
- Literary Critic
- Public Relations

Advanced Degree:

- Dean of Students
- Principal
- School Counselor
- Superintendent
- Community College Instructor
Scholarships

Students in CEHSP are eligible to apply for more than 100 scholarships each academic year typically totaling $120,000 annually. For more information on scholarship opportunities, visit our scholarship webpage (https://z.umn.edu/scholarshipcehsp).

UMD's Education Department has over 25 scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $10,000. Scholarships vary in criteria and some are specifically for subject areas or students entering student teaching in the US or starting their student teaching abroad.

Student Clubs

- Education MN Student Association (EMSA)
- Fellowship of Student Writers
- UMD Literary Guild

Faculty Highlights

- Recipients of campus and college awards for outstanding teaching, research, advising, and service.
- Faculty members are dedicated teachers, academic advisors, scholarly researchers, and curriculum designers.

Graduate Report

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

Here's a sampling of positions Teaching Communication Arts and Literature grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- Long-Term Substitute English Teacher - Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191, Burnsville, MN
- High School English Teacher, Farmington Area Public Schools, Farmington, MN
- High School English Teacher - Forest Lake Area Schools, Forest Lake, MN
- High School English Teacher, Independent School District 318, Grand Rapids, MN
- High School English Teacher, Westonka Public Schools, Minnetrista, MN

For more data see the Teaching Communication Arts and Literature Graduate Follow-Up Report. For ideas about Teaching Communication Arts and Literature and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.

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