Welcome!

The Department of English at MTUS offers an exciting curriculum in literature, film, pop culture studies, rhetoric and composition, creative writing, and linguistics. Our varied course offerings are designed to appeal to students with varying academic and professional goals. In fact, the skills students develop in our courses – analysis, writing, reading, research, and communication – prepare them for careers in writing and editing, publishing, law, advertising, public relations, education, management, public service, as well as the performing and creative arts. The English major at MTSU also provides a solid foundation for students who wish to pursue graduate study in English and related fields.

Our undergraduate majors acquire a broad background in literature, with the option of pursuing one of the following concentrations: Literary Studies, Writing Studies, Film and Popular Culture, Literature and Culture, and Secondary Teacher Licensure. Students who are interested in an even more versatile and expansive English degree may consider pursuing a minor in interdisciplinary Film Studies, Great Books, or Southern Studies. There are also many other minors beyond the department that can enhance or complement the English major: these include Anthropology, History, Journalism, Leadership Studies, Management and Marketing, Mass Communication, Organizational Communication, Political and Civic Engagement, Psychology, Public Administration, Sociology, Women’s and Gender Studies, to name just a few.

The superb expertise, enthusiasm, and energy that faculty in English bring to the classroom is unparalleled. In English, we take great pride in our unique student-centered classes, innovative teaching methods, and close faculty-student interaction. In fact, English classes tend to be smaller than most university classes in order to facilitate stimulating class discussions and to provide unique opportunities for students to express themselves. Our faculty, moreover, engage in a wide range of scholarship and creative work, which is well evidenced in the diverse and exciting classes that are offered every semester. Most important, we know that students – English majors and non-majors alike – will benefit immeasurably from instructors who are deeply invested in their academic success.

I invite you to explore our web pages and learn more about the accomplishments of our award-winning faculty, the limitless possibilities of the English major, and our graduate program.

Sincerely yours,

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