Welcome! The Department of English at MTSU offers an exciting curriculum in literature, film and pop culture studies, rhetoric and composition, creative writing, and linguistics. Our varied course offerings are designed to meet the needs of students with different 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.

While all majors acquire a broad background in the historical development of literature in English, students have considerable flexibility in selecting upper-division courses that best suit their interests and goals. In addition, English majors who seek a more specialized curriculum have the option of pursuing one of the following concentrations: Literary Studies, Writing Studies, Film Literature and Culture, and Secondary Teacher Licensure. Students who are interested in an even more versatile English degree may consider pursuing a minor in interdisciplinary Film Studies, Southern Studies, or Great Books. 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 innovative 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 professors who are deeply invested in their academic success.

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

Sincerely yours,

Maria K. Bachman, Chair and Professor