



ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY

ENGLISH

Do you correct other people's grammar? Are reading and writing your favorite hobbies? A bachelor of arts degree in English can build on those interests and improve your communication and critical thinking skills, including how to write and research effectively, analyze contexts of language, understand diverse perspectives, and serve within a calling.

This program will prepare you for graduate school or a career in a wide variety of professions, including business, education, government service, journalism, law, library science and technical writing.

YOU HAVE AN EPIC STORY TO TELL

College should be more than just getting a degree. At RU, we prepare you for your professional and personal future. Our combination of general education classes — in addition to your major courses — will give you **equipment for living** so that you can live an **EPIC** life.

EXPLORE. Understand the world in all its beauty, diversity and complexity.

PREPARE. Gain knowledge and skills to serve in your business or organization.

INTEGRATE. Connect and apply knowledge in your professional and personal life.

CALLING. Discern what God has called you to be and do.



COURSE OFFERINGS

Our bachelor of arts degree in English focuses on English literature, writing and research skills, analyzing contexts of language and understanding diverse perspectives.

You will take courses in:

- American or British Literature
- Vocation
- Critical Theory
- Grammar and Linguistics
- Diversity
- Creative or Technical Writing



MISSION

Rochester University prepares students for professional and personal success as they serve in God's world.



WHAT ABOUT MY CAREER?

After you graduate with an English degree, you can pursue positions in:

- Business
- Education
- Government Service
- Journalism
- Law
- Library Science
- Technical Writing

MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of English improves students' ability to write and research effectively, analyze contexts of language, understand diverse perspectives, and serve within a calling.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The following learning outcomes are linked to assignments and activities throughout this program. After completing program requirements,



Students will be able to effectively communicate using written texts for a variety of rhetorical situations.



Students will be able to access and evaluate sources of information; to synthesize, analyze and integrate the arguments of sources; and to summarize, paraphrase, quote and document sources in accordance with the conventions of scholarly research.



Students will be able to apply a wide range of critical theories to canonical and emerging literatures.



Students will be able to understand the historical and cultural contexts of language and literature with specific attention to human diversity.



Students will be able to articulate their personal beliefs, values, attitudes and abilities in English in relation to the Christian story and service in God's world.

WHAT OUR ALUMNI SAY:



Andrea Walker-Leidy

Class of 2005

“I run my own business, Walker Publicity Consulting. In 2016, I was named one of Oakland County’s Elite 40 Under 40, and in 2018 I was elected to the Rochester Community Schools’ Board of Education. RU’s English program laid the foundation for my career. I was able to develop my creative skills while honing my technical and publicity writing skills that would lead to my career.”

USING WORDS TO HELP THE WORLD