



# English

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES  
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY TEXAS

Concordia University Texas is dedicated to the mission of developing Christian leaders. Founded in 1926, Concordia is proud to be Austin's leading Christian university, where Christ is honored and students of all backgrounds are welcomed. We are guided by our vision to be the premier university where the adventure of faith, learning and life-changing experiences leads to meaningful work.

CTX is a regionally accredited institution of higher education, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees through a variety of delivery methods. We offer over 50 majors and concentrations.

Concordia's campus, unique in its natural setting on a preserve, is conveniently located minutes from both downtown Austin and the Texas Hill Country. Our location provides students with resources and opportunities to learn, explore and thrive in the best of both worlds — a small school and a big city.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Students majoring in English at Concordia tap into a long tradition of studying literary and rhetorical excellence. The English program encourages creativity and provokes clear, concise and correct writing. Students comprehend the power of creative and expository writing to advance moral and ethical thoughts and actions while they prepare to advance their career paths through superior writing skills. They also have the opportunity to learn from professors who teach hands-on in small, intimate classroom environments, engaging with a community of creative thinkers who help them prepare for graduate school.

Students interested in creating and/or serving in a non-profit organization can enroll in a two-course sequence. Business and Technical Writing teaches professional composition and how to create a non-profit organization. An English internship can be taken with a focus in grant writing. Students planning to teach at the secondary or post-secondary level

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can enroll in Teaching Writing. Additionally, an English internship may be taken with a focus in peer tutoring and one-on-one writing instruction.

All English majors explore a variety of literature and develop expertise in the art of writing through a series of prescribed courses. In addition, students will choose from three concentrations, allowing them to develop further expertise in literature, writing and/or English Education. The literature concentration focuses on cultivating an advanced appreciation of English language literature. This concentration is ideal for students interested in graduate literary study. The writing concentration is ideal for students who are interested in pursuing careers that require mastery of written communication in both online and traditional formats. This concentration is also solid preparation for graduate study in creative writing, business and technical writing and rhetoric and composition. The English Education concentration is designed for students who are minoring in Education and plan to teach at the secondary level.

#### MEANINGFUL WORK IN ENGLISH

- ▶ Law
- ▶ Public Relations
- ▶ Advertising
- ▶ Print Journalism
- ▶ Broadcast Journalism
- ▶ Publishing
- ▶ Education

#### COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

##### Drama at Stratford

A week at the Stratford festival in Ontario, Canada to study and see a minimum of eight plays. This course is offered during the summer, and may be used to fulfill a Fine Arts core requirement.

##### Business and Technical Writing

Advanced writing skills to meet the challenge of communication in the job market. This course teaches professional composition and how to create a non-profit organization.

#### STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

“The professors encouraged me to explore how disability played a role in literature, the classroom and communication. I’ve used everything I’ve learned...from how to write effective letters to the Texas government in my position as a policy advocate, to how to critically analyze the readings I explore in graduate school.”

- LAUREN GERKEN, '16

#### WHY MAJOR IN ENGLISH

Students majoring in English find employment in any field which emphasizes the use of language, clear expression and logical thinking. Advertising agencies, public relations firms, publishers, broadcasters, state agencies and large businesses all require employees who are skilled in written communication. The top priority of most major employers in any field of industry are employees with outstanding oral, presentation and written skills.

#### BECOME A TEACHER

Students majoring in English frequently choose teaching as a profession, either on the college level (after graduate school) or on the secondary level. (A secondary teaching certificate requires additional coursework in education, also available at Concordia.)

#### SUCCEED IN GRAD SCHOOL

A major in English equips students for successful entry into graduate school in the liberal arts, particularly in fields such as English, American Studies and Journalism. It is also outstanding preparation for law school or seminary students.

#### OUR RESOURCES

The CTX Writing Center is staffed by professional writing instructors and is open five days a week during fall and spring semesters. Students can visit the Writing Center for help with any aspect of writing, from brainstorming ideas to incorporating research to composing solid conclusions. The focus of each tutoring session is to help the writer gain one or two skills that he or she can apply to future writing assignments, thereby helping the student permanently improving his or her writing.



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