DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Why choose English studies at Geneva?
Our program provides a wide variety of options that foster the development of writing, critical analysis and communication. Through the experience of literature and the related arts, through the clear and creative use of language, and through understanding language itself, our students, especially our departmental majors, will come to:
- Connect their words and their reading with the Word.
- Experience, express, and testify to the wonder of the glory of God, His work, and the creative work of His creatures.
- Comprehend the brokenness of this fallen world and appreciate its literary expression.
- Seek wisdom in humility.
- Honor God in the use of language and in responding to others’ use of language.

What degree options are available at Geneva?
B.A. in ENGLISH LITERATURE
B.A. in WRITING
SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATION in ENGLISH—Students complete a B.A. in English along with a set of education courses, including student teaching, to achieve a teaching certificate.

The English Department also offers:
- MINORS in English Literature, Writing and Teaching English as a Second Language
- DOUBLE MAJORING in English and another academic discipline
- INDEPENDENT SELF-DESIGNED MAJOR with a concentration in English and other disciplines
- STUDY ABROAD at Oxford University, University of Edinburgh and other European academic institutions

What are some career possibilities with an English degree?
- Freelance writing
- Teaching at the high school or collegiate levels
- Journalism, publishing and editing
- Ministry
- Public relations
- Law (pre-law preparation)
- Library Science (pre-MSLS preparation)

What are Geneva English graduates doing now?
- Studying at Trinity School for Ministry Seminary
- Pursuing an M.F.A in Creative Writing at Bennington College
- Teaching middle school and high school students at Hinkson Christian Academy in Moscow, Russia
- Publicist for United Health Group
- Librarian at Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh
- Head of Circulation and Young Adult Librarian at Bridgeville Public Library
- Marketing Assistant at the West Virginia University Medical School
- Working at the U.S. State Department
- Staff Editor at Whitaker House Publishing

What internships are available through Geneva?
- Geneva’s Public Relations Office
- Local newspapers

Academic Organizations
- English Club
- Geneva Reader’s Series
- Sigma Tau Delta, an international English Studies honors society
- Bagpiper Theater productions
What are some classes I might take at Geneva?

- British and American Literature surveys
- Masterpieces of World Literature (recently, *The Iliad*, *The Divine Comedy*, and *The Brothers Karamazov*)
- Shakespeare
- History of the English Language
- Linguistics
- Rhetoric
- Introduction to Film Studies
- Special Topics in Cinema
- Special Topics in Literature (recently, *Literature of Myth and Fantasy; Dostoyevsky; Emily Dickinson; The Theme of Beauty in the Bible and Western Literature; Literature of Pilgrimage; Immigration and American Literature*)
- Introduction to Creative Writing
- Writing Fiction
- Writing Poetry
- Genre Writing
- Advanced Creative Writing Workshop
- Contemporary Newswriting
- Business and Technical Writing
- Editing
- Publishing
- Tutoring Writing
- Theater Practicum

Excerpt from a letter written by a recent graduate to her professors in the Geneva English Department:

"My beloved professors!

I went to chapel this morning and was reminded of how exceptionally this college's faculty create a safe haven for their students to stretch their roots (or in my case find them!), to grow, and to experiment with thoughts and ideas. In reflecting on the discussion this morning, and in reflecting on my past years here, I want to thank each and everyone one of you for your faithfulness to me. You were my compass in many ways as I sailed through my college years. You helped me see the beauty in the midst of my storms, and gave me the courage to express and believe the things I thought. Thank you for speaking the truth to me ...."

Hillary Stoepker
Class of 2015

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