DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



Find your voice

Do you love reading and writing about literature? Do you dream of being a reporter at a newspaper or on television? Do you have a way with words? Then you belong in Assumption's Department of English.

Here, you'll experience literature in all its forms and learn to communicate powerfully. And, whether you choose to focus your studies on literature, mass communications, or English education, our program will help you find your voice – and make it heard.

DID YOU KNOW?

The English Department has developed strong internship opportunities through a variety of media sources. Assumption students can live in New York City or London for a semester, performing exciting internships with leading TV networks, public relations agencies, and sports teams.

Challenge yourself

If you major in English at Assumption, you have two tracks from which to choose: literature or writing and mass communications. You can double-major in English and education so that you can teach English at the elementary, middle or high school level. Through critical reading and writing exercises, you'll develop the ability to write clearly and creatively. You'll learn to ask the right questions and effectively evaluate information — skills you'll apply to any career, from broadcast journalist to lawyer, and high school teacher to web designer.

Looking for hands-on career experience? Worcester, Mass., is the ideal spot to get your "My semester in Washington, D.C., has given me a deeper look at the perception of journalism in a technologically developing world. The interactions I've had with staff at The Washington Post, The New York Times, and other media outlets have reinforced my desire to pursue a career in this field after graduation."

Hannah Coombs, '16, English major with a concentration in Writing and Mass Communications, Policy analyst intern at the National Press Club, Post-Grad Position: Assistant Editor at Gardner Business Media, Inc.

feet wet. Home to a daily newspaper, a film studio, a television station, nearly a dozen radio stations, and numerous commercial and nonprofit organizations, the city can offer you countless internship opportunities to hone your skills and broaden your horizons.

On campus in our small classes, you'll learn from seasoned English professors who are journalists, authors, cinematographers, and film critics. They will take the time to get to know you and mentor you as you gain a greater awareness of yourself and your place in the world.

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE Light the way.

Course of study

At Assumption, you major in English and concentrate in either literature or writing and mass communications. You can double-major in English and education so that you can teach English at the elementary, middle, or high school level.

MAJOR IN ENGLISH: LITERATURE

You'll study both contemporary writing and the oldest works in the English language while exploring fundamental questions of humanity. As you prepare critical and creative materials, you'll develop strong language and communication skills.

MAJOR IN ENGLISH: WRITING AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS

You'll learn how to communicate effectively using a variety of media — from newspaper to television to social networking — in today's constantly changing field of communications. Majors can specialize in creative or professional writing, journalism, media production, or create their own specialization. Several courses will also count towards a graphic design minor.

All majors complete an internship in New England, New York City, or through study abroad.

MAJOR IN ENGLISH: EDUCATION

You'll pair your love of English with a double major in English literature and secondary education or a combined single major in English/elementary education that will prepare you to teach at any school in Massachusetts; reciprocal agreements let you teach across the country.

MINORS

Literature Writing

SAMPLE COURSES

Art of the Novel Broadcast Journalism Contemporary Poetry Creative Nonfiction Romanticism Writing and Editing

DID YOU KNOW?

Assumption English majors have the opportunity to participate in internships in London, Paris, and Melbourne.

81%

2017 graduates who completed at least one internship, research or service learning experience

SAMPLE INTERNSHIP SITES

CNN

MTV

PBS

United Way

WAAF radio

Entertainment Tonight

Glamour Magazine

Good Housekeeping

The New York Times

Worcester Telegram

and Gazette

ABC American Cancer Society Antiques Roadshow Bayard Publishing BBC Four (London) Boston Globe Boston Red Sox Central Massachusetts Convention and Visitors Bureau

> For a list of recent internship sites, visit our English web pages at www.assumption.edu/english.

Learn by doing

Assumption offers numerous opportunities to participate in an internship for course credit. There are more than 70 sites in our network of publishing companies, magazines, nonprofits, political organizations, public relations agencies, marketing firms, television, film, and radio stations.

Here in the second-largest city in New England, you'll have access to internships at the daily newspaper, the *Worcester Telegram & Cazette*, WCTR Charter TV3, and WCRN 830 AM located just minutes from campus. And for those students who prefer to venture farther, we also offer internships in Boston and New York City. Through your internship, you acquire the skills, confidence, and professionalism that will give you a leg up in today's competitive job market, and you'll also make important contacts that may lead to employment.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are plenty of opportunities to gain practical experience right on campus: Write for the student newspaper, Le Provocateur; publish your work in an undergraduate journal, Thoreau's Rooster or MUSE; or broadcast your message on local radio station WCUW or Assumption's own TV station, ACTV.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Many of our graduates pursue advanced degrees in literature, law, communications, and business. Others enter directly into careers in corporate, nonprofit, government agencies, and colleges and universities in such fields as journalism, publishing, public relations, advertising, social media, teaching, human resources, and virtually any other field where good communications skills are an asset. Here's a sampling of where the voices of Assumption alumni are heard:

SAMPLE RECENT EMPLOYERS

Cigna MTV NBC Peabody Essex Museum The Hanover Insurance Group Unum The Washington Post WCVB Channel 5 Boston WORC Charter Channel 3 TV Worcester Public Schools Worcester Telegram & Gazette

SAMPLE GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Boston College Clark University Cornell University Emerson College Endicott College Fordham University Framingham State College Rutgers University SUNY Buffalo Suffolk University Texas A&M University of Connecticut University of Florida Utah State University