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 education, our program will help you find your voice — and make it heard.

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 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.
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 writing, journalism, or media production, and can add a minor in graphic design.

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 concentration in education that will prepare you to teach at any school in Massachusetts; reciprocal agreements let you teach across the country.

MINORS

Literature
Writing

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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 & Gazette, WCET 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 The Phoenix; or broadcast your message on local radio station WCUC 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, non-profit, 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

MTV
NBC
Peabody Essex Museum
The Hanover Insurance Group

SAMPLE GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Unum
The Washington Times
WCVB Channel 5 Boston
Worcester Telegram & Gazette

SAMPLE INTERNSHIP SITES

ABC
American Cancer Society
Antiques Roadshow
BBC Four (London)
Boston Globe
Boston Red Sox
Central Massachusetts Convention and Visitors Bureau
CNN
Entertainment Tonight
Glamour Magazine
Good Housekeeping
MTV
The New York Times
PBS
WAFF radio

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

72% of students from the Class of 2014 had at least one internship experience prior to graduation

SAMPLE COURSES

Broadcast Journalism
Business and Technical Writing
Creative Nonfiction
Irish Drama
Media Ethics
The Art of the Novel