

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken  
joy in creative expression and knowledge.”

~~~Albert Einstein

# PRE-EDUCATION IN ENGLISH



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## **Choose Pre-Education in English if you are interested in the teaching of English on the middle or secondary levels.**

While this program does not provide teacher certification, the concentration will prepare you for graduate-level certification programs and for other opportunities related to the field of education. Studying with faculty who have extensive experience in teacher education, as a Pre-Education in English student you will consider the study of literature and composition from the perspective of a prospective teacher at the same time that you engage with current and pressing issues in pedagogy theory.

## **Through a wide variety of courses, you will gain the skills and knowledge you need for classroom teaching.**

In addition to deep subject matter knowledge, teaching English on the middle and secondary levels requires fluency in reading, effectiveness in written communication, a working understanding of grammar, competence in technology, an awareness of pedagogical principles, and an ability to reflect upon teaching practices. In this concentration, you will acquire subject matter expertise by taking most of your courses from the department's extensive offerings in literary studies (in areas devoted to American Literature, British Literature, and World Literature) and in rhetoric and composition studies (in areas related to language and writing). You will also take a handful of courses specifically focused on the teaching of English. One such course which you are strongly encouraged to take is the internship in a school, for this opportunity gives you actual experience in the middle or secondary setting.

In the concentration's capstone course (the Senior Seminar) you will study English education theory, interact with a classroom teacher, teach a lesson to your peers, create an extensive unit plan, and prepare your senior exit portfolio. The concentration also offers two additional courses: "Teaching in English Studies" which investigates the foundations of the student-English teacher dynamic and "Special Topics in Secondary English" which explores the most effective pedagogical strategies for reading in a specific area of English studies.

**Consider the Pre-Education in English concentration even if you are not planning on becoming a school teacher but have a general interest in education and a desire to work in a profession that involves less traditional forms of instruction (for example working as a student advocate, a non-profit administrator, a corporate education consultant, or director of a museum or cultural heritage organization).**



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