



Write and read with altitude: Great possibilities at 7,000 feet!

Degree Programs

- Bachelor of Arts in English
- Bachelor of Science in English Education

“I’m really indebted to the faculty for giving me the confidence and skills to begin a career as a writer.”

Denise Minger, Class of 2007

Students choose our department for many reasons—strong undergraduate degree programs, outstanding faculty, a wide range of courses, and more. Our friendly, mountain-town setting makes this combination practically irresistible.

Our flexible degree programs allow you to focus on creative writing, English education, general English studies, linguistics, literature, technical writing, rhetoric, or teaching English as a second language. Explore our online links to get a fuller sense of our faculty’s expertise, and the broad scope of our course offerings.

Flagstaff was recently listed among *Men’s Journal’s* “best places to live” and *Outside* magazine’s “best college towns for playing outside,” so be sure to visit. Our campus is surrounded by pines and aspens and sits at the foot of the San Francisco Peaks. The Grand Canyon is just two hours away. Mountain air, a four-season climate, train whistles at night, and many coffee shops make Flagstaff an English major’s heaven.

Career Opportunities

Study to become an...	Famous English majors
Editor	Dave Barry, humorist
Lawyer *	Chevy Chase, actor
Literary agent	Jodie Foster, actor-director
Magazine writer	Kathy Fuller, CEO World Wildlife Fund
Production assistant	Stephen King, writer
Professor*	Michael Lynne, Co-CEO of New Line Cinema
Proofreader	Arthur Miller, playwright
Public relations specialist	Sally Ride, astronaut
Secondary teacher	Herb Scannell, president, Nickelodeon
Speech writer	Paul Simon, singer-songwriter
Web designer	Steven Spielberg, director, filmmaker
Writer	Bob Woodward, journalist
*Further education required	

Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

Dream of being a famous writer?

Explore fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction in our undergraduate courses led by an amazing roster of published faculty writers. Discover the nuts and bolts of the creative writer's craft through workshop-style discussions of student writing projects.

Curious about how language evolves?

Ever wondered why "is" becomes "are" or how the meaning of "cool" can be transformed into "hot" or "phat"? Our linguistics faculty will teach you everything you want to know about the story of English and the way our world shapes language.

Interested in how language shapes our world?

Entertained by advertising? Appalled by political rhetoric? Our rhetoric teachers will introduce you to rhetorical appeals and modes of argumentation that will make you a skilled reader and consumer. Courses in literacy, technology, and professional writing will enhance your communication abilities and give you the skills to navigate our media-rich world.

Never without a book?

Immerse yourself in the study of literature. Learn from experts whose specialties span literary history from the classical period to the present. Explore medieval, Renaissance, Romantic, Victorian, Modern British, and postcolonial world literature. Study with specialists in American literature from the colonial period to today. Or focus on writing by Latino/as, African Americans, and American Indians.

Do you have a calling to teach?

Find inspiration in courses taught by our many accomplished English education specialists. Our program allows you to take courses from all areas in the department and integrate your learning in courses focused specifically on the teaching of writing and literature.

The English Department Advising Center

The English Department supports its very own centralized advising center, open to students five days a week. Full-time faculty are available to assist English majors and minors with information about degree progress, careers, and graduation preparation.

Study Abroad

Study for a summer, a semester, or an academic year in universities around the globe. We provide international education opportunities to all academically qualified students. The university has cooperative agreements with institutions in Australia, Canada, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom. Start your planning with a visit to nau.edu/international.

Finish in Four

BA students, stay on a four-year track to your degree and save money in the process. The university guarantees access to the courses you'll need to graduate on time. You are responsible for contacting an advisor early. Visit nau.edu/finishinfour.