

Writing Minor



There's nothing minor about writing.

The writing minor is designed to enhance students' knowledge of writing theories and expand their writing practices. As such, the minor can be a valuable supplement to many majors; it helps cultivate liberal arts inquiry and strengthens marketable skills. Although the minor is overseen by the English Department, the curriculum draws from disciplines such as art, history, communication studies, philosophy, and theatre arts.

SELECTED COURSES

- Creative writing workshops in fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry
- Advanced topics courses in professional writing, spiritual writing, and more
- Screenwriting (3 course options)
- Cross-disciplinary advanced writing courses in Communication Studies, Art, Philosophy, and more

CAREER PATHS

- Teaching
- Grant Writing
- Publishing & Editing
- Creative Writing
- Digital Content Creation
- Ministry
- Journalism
- Copywriting
- Marketing
- Corporate Communications
- Medicine
- Law



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JONATHAN DIAZ, M.F.A.

Writes poems, studies religion in Latina/o/e literature, and tackles meaningful questions with students



WENDY ELEY JACKSON, M.F.A.

Produces films, writes screenplays, and is passionate about developing student writers and producers



ANNA JORDAN, M.F.A.

Essayist and short story writer who loves guiding students through new creative practices



REBECCA MCNAMARA, D.PHIL.

Studies the history of emotions and has taught medieval literature on three continents



PAUL MENA, PH.D.

Teaches journalism, studies credibility and sharing of misinformation on social media



RYAN MINOR, PH.D.

Encourages students to develop global perspectives through African literature and writing studies



SARAH SKRIPSKY, PH.D.

Directs the Writing Center and studies the role of faith in writing tutorials

OFF-CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES



- Westmont's England Semester
- Food Systems & Food Writing: California, Iceland, Italy Mayterm
- Artist in the City: New York City Mayterm

PAIR A WRITING MINOR WITH YOUR EXISTING MAJOR

A writing minor develops vital transferable skills in writing and rhetorical awareness, collaboration, problem solving, global awareness, and professionalism. As you are transformed by the stories you read and write, you will become better equipped to tell stories in ways that are transformative. These enhanced skills mean that the writing minor pairs well with

a range of majors across the college, and with pre-professional programs such as pre-law, pre-teaching, pre-medicine, pre-nursing, pre-pharmacy, pre-seminary, pre-ministry/missions, and pre-physical therapy. Speak with one of our English faculty about how the writing minor can complement your current track of study.



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