Higher Education, Grove City College is routinely ranked as one of the country's top colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review and others based on academic quality and superior outcomes. Grove City College is a highly ranked, nationally recognized private liberal arts and sciences college that equips students to pursue their unique callings through an academically excellent and Christ-centered learning experience distinguished by a commitment to affordability and promotion of the Christian worldview, the foundations of a free society and the love of neighbor. Established in 1876, the College is a pioneer in independent private education and accepts no federal funds. It offers students degrees in 60 majors on a picturesque 180-acre campus north of Pittsburgh, Pa. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Grove City College is routinely ranked as one of the country's top colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review and others based on academic quality and superior outcomes.

**DEPARTMENT FACULTY**

Betsy Craig '77  
Professor of Theatre & Communication Studies

Andrew Harvey, Ph.D.  
Professor of English

David Hogssette, Ph.D.  
Professor of English and Writing Program Director

Adam Loretto '05, Ph.D.  
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Joshua Mayo, Ph.D.  
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Sarina Moore, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of English

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Professor of English

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Assistant Professor of English

**DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION**

The Department of English prepares students for a wide variety of careers, as well as graduate and professional study. The department is dedicated to the study of the great works of English, American and world literature. The approach of the department is to read the literature for its explorations of the fundamental questions regarding the nature of God and man, the meaning of moral choice, the purpose of life, and the possibility of salvation. The goal is to equip students to discover this truth wherever it may be found, but especially in the enduring works of the literature of Western Civilization.

**MAJORS**

**English**

The English major is for students who love to read, discuss and write about literature. Students complete 36 credit hours of course requirements in addition to the College core curriculum.

English major leading to (7-12) teaching certification in English  
In addition to the 82 credit hours of major coursework, students participate in real-life teaching situations during field experiences and student teaching.

English major leading to (7-12) teaching certification in English and Communication  
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**MINORS**

Theatre  
Students must fulfill 24 credit hours of course requirements to complete the minor, including 12 credit hours from the theatre core and 12 credit hours from elective options.

**SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL AREAS OF INTEREST**

Students have many opportunities to get involved in English-related activities. Students can write for the campus newspaper, The Collegian, contribute to our two literary magazines, The Echo and The Quad, and work on productions in our award-winning theatre program. The department also hosts an annual Christian Writers Conference to focus on a writer or theme of interest in the relation between literature and Christianity.

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

Students may choose to participate in the Honors Seminar in their junior or senior year, for which they produce a 35-50 page thesis involving advanced independent research on a project of literary analysis.

**INTERNSHIPS**

Internships for students majoring in English typically involve work done off campus under the supervision of a professional in an English or communication related field. Recent internships have included work in public relations, advertising, library and information sciences, journalism and publishing. Internships are most often completed during the summer and are considered a valuable stepping-stone to careers following graduation. English majors can also earn academic credit for completing internships.

**CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES**

A graduate degree can create more career opportunities, allow you to become more specialized in a particular area of study, and increase earning potential. Many students majoring in English go on to graduate school in a wide range of areas, including English, law, library & information science, education and theology. In recent years, students have gone on to schools such as New York University, University of Virginia, Baylor University, Boston University, Case-Western Reserve, University of Notre Dame, Oxford University, University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University and Duquesne University.

**WRITING CONCENTRATIONS**

Concentrations are available in Business Writing (15 hours), Creative Writing (15), Professional Writing (15), Science Writing and Reporting (16-17) and Technical Writing (15-16).

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