

English Teaching

B.A. | Bachelor of Arts in English Teaching & Secondary Education
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Teacher as servant

A Christian perspective is central to everything we do at Northwestern. Our “Teacher as Servant” philosophy will help you see each student as an image-bearer of God, keeping Christ at the center of your classroom.

Read (and teach) widely

Northwestern’s accredited English teaching major will immerse you in the language arts, readying you to share your love of words with students in grades 5-12. You’ll hone your writing skills, read the literature staples of different cultures across the globe, and receive advanced training in teaching practice.

Tailor-made study

Whether you are a crime fiction junkie or graphic novel enthusiast, a film guru or poetry lover, our English professors will help you create a customized course schedule that aligns with your literary passions.

A+ experience

Gaining classroom experience is key to building your confidence as a teacher. It’s why you’ll spend more than 100 hours in area classrooms before you even student teach. You’ll have opportunity to student teach within a 50-mile radius of campus, receive placement at an inner-city school in Chicago or Denver, or teach overseas in an international school.

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100% placement

100% of our English teaching grads find a job or enroll in grad school within six months of graduation.



Accreditation

NWC is one of five Iowa colleges and universities to offer an accredited endorsement for secondary language arts courses.



BEST in Iowa

Three of our English teaching graduates have earned honors from the Iowa Council of English Teachers.

Outcomes

High school English teachers are in high demand, with a projected employment growth rate of 8% before 2030, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Join our standout alumni at employers such as:

- Le Mars Middle School, Le Mars, Iowa
- West Lyon Community School, Inwood, Iowa
- White Swan High School, White Swan, Washington

Secondary Education 4-year Plan



StandOut

Freshman:

EDU 102 – Foundations of Education – 2 credits – offered every semester

EDU 206 – Survey of Exceptional Individuals – 3 credits – every semester

EDU 202 – Early Field Experience (30 Hr. Practicum) – 1 cr. – every semester

Sophomore:

EDU 227 – Instructional Technology – 2 cr. – every semester

EDU 247 – Reading in the Content Area – 2 cr. – every semester

PSY 221SS – Developmental Psychology – Childhood (or Adolescent) – 4 cr. every sem.

Apply and be admitted to the Education Program

Junior/Senior:

EDU 340 – Human Relations/CC – 3 cr. – every semester

EDU 304 – Education Psychology – 2 cr. – every semester

EDU 315 – Behavior Management – 2 cr. – every semester

*** 308 – Special Methods in your Content (science, math, social studies, Spanish, art, etc.)
3-4 cr. – offered every other Fall semester (30 hr. practicum)

EDU 307 – General Methods of Teaching Secondary – 3 cr. (30 hr. practicum)
restricted course – only offered in the Spring

Seniors:

EDU 409 – Philosophy of Education – 2 cr. – every semester (restricted course)

EDU 415/416 – Student Teaching – 14 cr. – every semester (full semester)

Note: This is a guideline. One of the unique aspects of NWC Education is that we customize each student's schedule to meet their needs based upon transfer credits and content endorsements. The order can be changed, but Freshman and Sophomore courses must be completed before the senior year to reduce course conflicts.