



English Education

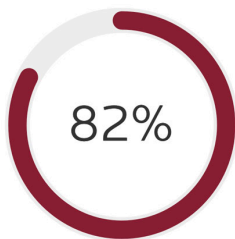
About this Composite Major

The English Education degree involves the completion of three components—the General Education Core of courses, a Professional Education Sequence for Secondary Education majors, and a mix of required and elective courses in the Major that prepare students for both the certification exams required for teacher licensure, and for the demands of their future classrooms.

Students work closely with advisors in determining which General Education courses best fit their interests as well as determining when to take required courses and professional education courses. Additionally, offerings in Literature, Writing, and Communication and Media Studies present a variety of choices for students as they develop preferences and grow more savvy about what will help them reach their goals.

VCSU English Education majors often combine their learning with certificates, endorsements, and minors in Teaching English Language Learners, Spanish, Library Media and Information Science, and STEM Education, and some even go on to pursue graduate school to build upon their qualifications, to broaden their knowledge base, or both.

Career Opportunities



of jobs posted in this field require a bachelor's degree

\$56,003

median salary in the midwest region for English education graduates

In your career as an English Language Arts Teacher, you will need skills in many different areas. Some of those skill areas include:

- Teaching
- Instructional Design
- Assessment
- Unit Planning
- Project Management
- Classroom Management

Meet an English Education Student



"I chose VCSU because of the small, close-knit community that has allowed me to grow individually and as a future educator. The classes and professors have pushed me to better myself in the classroom and as a person. English Education was my first choice of study because it allowed me to become a mentor to young people who need a positive role model in their lives like my teachers were to me." - Dahlia Diegel, Wishek, ND - 2023 graduate in English Education with a minor in Library and Media Information Services.

"VCSU is an opportunity to express who I am without having to feel ashamed. Every day brings a new love for education and my future career." - Kaitlyn Myrum, Petersburg, ND - 2022 graduate in English Education with a minor in Spanish.

"I love VCSU because it feels like a family. Everybody is so kind and helpful. I am proud to be a Viking." - Alexa Walby, Dickinson, ND - 2023 graduate in English Education with a minor in Library and Media Information Services.

Teacher Education Requirements

Students are typically admitted into Teacher Education during their sophomore year or beginning of their junior year of college. This program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher and successful completion of the Praxis Core tests. Criteria for Admission to Teacher Education can be found at website: www.onestop.vcsu.edu (<https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000052001-teacher-education/>).



Get Involved in your Major



English Club — A lively group of majors, minors, and aficionados, English Club often brings literary experiences to campus and/or hits the road to find them.

Sigma Tau Delta — Our local chapter of the International Honor Society for English majors provides another avenue for seeking scholarships, a venue for publishing scholarship, and a vehicle for recognizing academic achievement.

The Forge — The campus literary and arts journal, hosted by our department and staffed by students taking the course ENGL 213 Literary Publications, publishes and offers awards for original student work on an annual basis.

Accreditations

- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

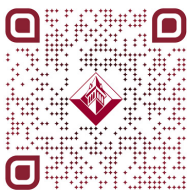
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 studying English
 Education at
 Valley City State
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Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Writing Elective (Gen Ed)	3	Writing Elective (Gen Ed)	3
Lab Science Elective (Gen Ed)	4	Literacies/Humanities Elective (Gen Ed)	3
Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed)	3	Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4
Communications Elective (Gen Ed)	3	Wellness Elective (Gen Ed)	2
Computer Science & Literacy Elective (Gen Ed)	3	PSYC 111 (Gen Ed)	3
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Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 300	3	ENGL 309	3
EDUC 250	3	EDUC 283	3
Art or Music Elective (Gen Ed)	3	EDUC 352	1
Communications/Media Elective (Major)	3	EDUC 375	2
Literature Elective (Major)	3	Writing Elective (Major)	1-3
		Literature Elective (Major)	3
	15		13-15

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 371	3	ENGL 310	3
EDUC 300	2	ENGL 350	3
EDUC 375	2	ENGL 480	3
PSYC 250	3	EDUC 240	3
Writing Elective (Major)	3	Literature Elective (Major)	3
Literature Elective (Major)	3		
	16		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 490	3	EDUC 480	10
EDUC 351	1	ENGL 491	2
EDUC 400	2		
EDUC 450	2		
Additional Humanities or Social Science Elective (Gen Ed)	3		
Literature Elective (Major)	3		
Elective	3		
	17		12

Total Credits 120-122



Please note: This plan is intended for general information only. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor each semester before registration.

Learning Outcomes

Our graduates will:

1. Possess strong academic and creative writing skills;
2. Exhibit vital critical reading and thinking skills;
3. Routinely apply competent research skills; and
4. Understand the value of cultural fluency.