The Department of English is among the oldest and most prestigious units at the University. As one of the campus’s original departments, it offered some of the University’s inaugural courses, including literature classes taught by UM’s first president, Oscar J. Craig. In 1919, Rhodes Scholar H.G. Merriam inaugurated one of the first creative writing programs in the country. Two recent Pulitzer Price Winners - William Finnegan and Andrew Sean Greer - received their M.F.A.'s from the department. Now, more than a century old, this department offers the following degrees:

B.A. with concentrations in
- Literature
- Creative Writing
- English Teaching
- Linguistics

Graduate degrees in
- Creative Writing (M.F.A.)
- Literature (M.A.)
- Teaching (M.A.)

Minors in
- English
- Irish Studies

Our Composition program serves the entire University by offering the first-year composition requirement WRIT 101, as well as courses in advanced composition and graduate seminars in the teaching of writing.

Undergraduate
- English B.A., Creative Writing Concentration (http://catalog.umt.edu/colleges-schools-programs/humanities-sciences/english-film/ba-creative-writing)
- English B.A., Film Studies Concentration (http://catalog.umt.edu/colleges-schools-programs/humanities-sciences/english-film/ba-film-studies)
- English B.A., Literature Concentration (http://catalog.umt.edu/colleges-schools-programs/humanities-sciences/english-film/ba-literature)

Undergraduate Minors
- English (http://catalog.umt.edu/colleges-schools-programs/humanities-sciences/english-film/minor-english)
- Film Studies (http://catalog.umt.edu/colleges-schools-programs/humanities-sciences/english-film/minor-film-studies)
- Irish Studies (http://catalog.umt.edu/colleges-schools-programs/humanities-sciences/english-film/minor-irish-studies)