



Department of English Student Handbook

Welcome to the UNA Department of English,

Whether your major is Literature (Option I) , Professional Writing, (Option II), or Language Arts (Option III), you are joining a long and rich tradition of English study at UNA. As a member of the English family, you can expect to find engaged faculty who are always available to our students, classes where the pursuit of knowledge and critical understanding is as important as acquiring skills, and a fun and energetic environment. The more you engage in the various activities the Department offers, the more you will gain from your time at UNA. You will have opportunities to travel abroad to conduct research, and to travel to academic conferences to share that research with other scholars. If you are a Professional Writing major, you will have the opportunity to work with real clients on real projects, and you can take advantage of internship experiences that allow you to demonstrate your talents in professional settings. All of our majors will be able to take advantage of the many literary readings and guests speakers sponsored each year by the English Department. In order to keep informed about all the Department has to offer, join our Facebook group at the address below, read email announcements, and stop by the English Department office in Willingham 113 between 8:00 and 4:30, Monday through Friday. We are happy to have you as part of the English family.



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English Department Faculty

Faculty	Willingham	256-765-x	name@una.edu	Area
Dr. Nancy Atkinson	119	x 4491	neatkinson	Medieval Literature
Dr. Sidney Blaylock	221	x 4251	sblaylock	Rhetoric / Composition
Mr. Daryl Brown	227	x 4494	dwbrown	Creative Writing
Ms. Dana Burbank	113	x 4238	dmburbank	Senior Administrative Assistant
Dr. Erin Fitzgerald	215	x 4790	efitzgerald	Composition / Rhetoric
Ms. Anissa Graham	208	x 4496	amgraham	Composition / Literature
Ms. Latasha Howell	003	x 5062	lahowell	Composition / Literature
Ms. Pam Kingsbury	217	x 4890	pjkingsbury	Composition / Literature
Dr. Kelly Latchaw	225	x 4492	kllatchaw	Linguistics
Dr. Nick Mauriello	223	x 4499	nmauriello	Composition / Rhetoric
Mr. Jason McCall	219	x 4889	jmccall2	Creative Writing
Mr. Stephen Melvin	015	x 4187	sgmelvin	Literature / Composition
Dr. Katie Owens-Murphy	110	x 4893	kowensmurphy	American Literature
Dr. Cheryl Price	115	x 4488	cprice7	Victorian Literature / Dept. Chair
Dr. Jason Price	112	x 4104	jprice7	Modern British Literature / Asst. Chair
Ms. Christa Raney	206	x 4490	chraney	Composition / Literature
Ms. Alaina Reid	002	x 5061	ampatterson1	Composition / Literature
Dr. Marie Taylor	117	x 4298	mtaylor18	American Literature
Dr. Brenna Wardell	108	x 5752	kwardell	Film Studies
Dr. Tammy Winner	212	x 4497	twinner	Professional Writing

The English Department also includes a large amount of part-time faculty members. If you would like to reach a faculty member not included in the above list, please visit [English Department Faculty and Staff](#) for more information.

Advising

It is important to establish contact with your assigned department advisor as soon as possible. At the end of your first year at UNA, you will be moved from the First-Year advisor you were assigned at SOAR to a permanent major advisor. You will need to visit the English Department office to arrange this advisor change. Once you know who your permanent advisor is, be sure to make contact so your advisor can meet you. You will meet your advisor at least twice a year to plan course registration, receive your PIN in order to register yourself for courses, and update your graduation checklist. While your advisor will assist you in every way possible to make the best academic choices, you are ultimately the one most responsible for managing your college career.

English Department Scholarships

The English Department offers a number of endowed scholarships for undergraduate majors. The yearly deadline to apply for most of these scholarships is the first Monday in February. For detailed information on the scholarships, visit <https://www.una.edu/english/scholarships.html>.

Books-A-Million/T.S. Stribling. Open to full-time students majoring in English.

Dr. Jean L. Johnson. English Majors who have achieved a minimum 3.0 GPA. Preference will be given to students majoring in English Education.

William D. Johnson. Awarded to deserving students with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Preference given to students majoring in English or Professional Writing

Lindsey Stricklin Memorial. Awarded to undergraduate or graduate English majors (English Options I or II or Language Arts Option III) with a minimum 3.0 cumulative undergraduate average or 3.5 cumulative graduate average and who demonstrate evidence of financial need. Preference to members of Sigma Tau Delta, former students of Pinhook School, and residents of Lutts, Tennessee.

Dr. C. William Foster. Special preference shall be given to English and Professional Writing majors, followed by Language Arts majors.

Carol W. Wood Academic Achievement Award. Awarded to full-time students majoring in Language Arts with an expressed intention of becoming English teachers.

Richard Glenn Lentz. All undergraduate English majors (Options I and II) working toward a first degree and also majoring/minoring in History.

Sandra Cowan Murray Permanent Endowment Scholarship. Open to all full-time students majoring in English (Options I, II, and Graduate Program) who are graduates of Florence High School and who have a minimum 3.0 grade point average overall and a minimum 3.25 in the major.

How to get involved

The English Club—Open to students of all majors. Contact Ms. Raney at craney@una.edu, or Ms. Graham at amgraham@una.edu

Lights and Shadows—For questions about being involved in the production of UNA's Award Winning literary magazine, contact Mr. Brown at dwbrown@una.edu

Sigma Tau Delta—Invitations to UNA's chapter of the International English Honor Society are sent in the spring each year to qualified students. Sigma Tau Delta members are active in the national organization, often presenting research at Sigma Tau Delta's annual conference. To learn about membership requirements, visit <https://www.una.edu/english/sigma-tau-delta.html>, or contact Ms. Howell at lahowell@una.edu, or Ms. Reid at ampatterson1@una.edu

Student Internships—Internships afford students an opportunity to apply their education in a professional setting. The English Department is pleased to coordinate internship opportunities for our majors. For assistance with internships, please contact Dr. Winner at twinner@una.edu

If you need help with ...

Tutoring or other academic needs

—Contact the University Success Center, located in the Commons Building, at 256-765-4722, or email successcenter@una.edu

English course permits—Contact Ms. Burbank in the English office at 256-765-4238, or email English@una.edu

Registration questions, drop/add, transcripts, graduation—Contact the Registrar at 256-765-4316, or email registrar@una.edu

Financial aid—Contact Student Financial Services at 256-765-4278, or email sfins@una.edu

Healthcare—Contact Health Services at 256-765-4328, or email healthservices@una.edu

Diversity issues—Contact the Office of Diversity and Institutional Equity at 256-765-6340, or email odie@una.edu

Sexual Discrimination, harassment, violence—Contact the Title IX office at 256-765-4223, or email tmwells@una.edu

Personal counseling—Contact Student Counseling Services at 256-765-5215, or email counselingservices@una.edu

LGBTQ+ or Gender Issues—Contact the Mitchell-West Center at 256-765-5158, or email socialinclusion@una.edu

If you are not sure who to contact with a problem, come to the English office and we will assist you in finding the right resources to help you!



Members of the UNA English Department faculty



English Department "Welcome Back" Reception



Sigma Tau Delta Induction



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updated announcements about events!*

Take Advantage of the English Department!

Learning happens everywhere, so the English Department works hard to provide world-class extracurricular experiences to our students and the rest of the campus community. During your time at UNA, make sure to take advantage of our study abroad opportunities, yearly professional Shakespeare performance, the yearly Writers Series literary reading (as well as the other literary events the department hosts), frequent lectures by respected scholars from across the country, and social events like our yearly “Welcome” reception .



English majors travel to Atlanta for the ALAN conference brought home stacks of free books!



Alum and author Brett Trapp speaks with students about his popular blog “Blue Babies Pink.”



Exonerated death row inmate Anthony Ray Hinton spoke to the UNA community about judicial reform in Alabama.



US Poet Laureate Joy Harjo presents her work at the UNA Writers Series.

Alum Blake Guffey reads his poetry for the Lynne Burris Butler Visiting Artist Series.

