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WELCOME BACK, ENGLISH
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New Minors | Undergraduate Poetry | Science Fiction & Fantasy Contest Flyer



Major Update: Three New Minors!

Welcome back! The Department of English is expanding the minor options at Texas A&M University to reflect students' diverse interests by offering three exciting new minors: Health Humanities, Professional Writing, and Science Fiction and Fantasy. The Health Humanities minor is currently offered to students of all majors, and the Professional Writing and Science Fiction and Fantasy minors will be offered beginning in fall 2022.

These new minors offer opportunities for specialization within an English major as well as exciting and valuable options for other liberal arts majors *and* STEM majors. The Health Humanities and Professional Writing minors show the growing appreciation of interdisciplinary approaches to all fields of study. The Science Fiction and Fantasy minor increases students cultural awareness and creativity. All are a great way to develop new skills and widen your job opportunities!

You can read more specific information about each of the three new minors on the following flyers. If you are interested in declaring a minor or learning more, visit liberalarts.tamu.edu/english or contact your academic advisor.

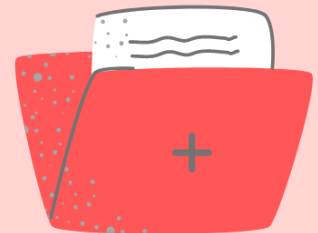
HEALTH HUMANITIES

The Health Humanities minor is offered by the English department to students of *any major*. This field of study is inherently cross-disciplinary and collaborative because it uses methods of humanistic inquiry to analyze cultural practices and products related to health and illness.

Health Humanities prepares students for:

- installations and creative projects
- research studies
- education of undergraduate and medical students
- policy development & more!

The minor requires an introduction to the field of health humanities, further study in rhetoric or literature, and a final capstone course. Possible elective courses range from health to communications, history, and biomedical science!



PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Professional Writing

The Professional Writing minor is offered by the English department to students of *any major*. This minor provides a strong professional background which can increase graduates' job opportunities.

Students will learn:

- to effectively communicate complex information
- technical editing
- rhetorical theory
- to use new media and technologies
- to critically reflect upon the methods of study they employ

The minor requires 18 credit hours of coursework. ENGL 210, ENGL 320, and ENGL 355 are required. The remaining 9 credit hours consist of relevant elective coursework.



SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY

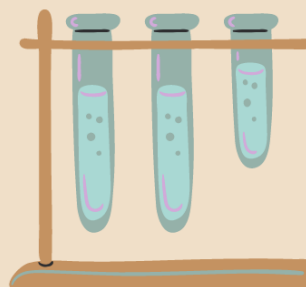
Science Fiction & Fantasy

The Science Fiction and Fantasy minor will be offered by the English department to students of *any major* beginning in fall 2022 .

Students will explore:

- our understanding of humanity
- our relationship to technology and science
- our desire to explore other worlds and imagine utopian societies.
- communication, close reading, and argument-building skills that benefit both liberal arts and STEM students.

This minor requires 15 credit hours of relevant coursework, such as science fiction and film, fairy tales, graphic novels, or creative writing courses.



Ghosts

*Ghosts from our past haunt us, call upon us with lost
knowledge, beckoning us to their graves, only to realize
that we too are among them.*

Undergraduate Poetry by Rahul Balakrishnan '24

Martyr

*Red wine stains the glass of my bath
Crumbs lie still within the water I sat
White porcelain stopped me from sinking deeper
Black robes me as I tether
They say words can't break you,
but like papyrus, they can cut.*

Science Fiction and Fantasy Creative Writing Contest

Attention:

Submit your speculative fiction piece for a chance to perform your piece at a public reading and win cash prizes!
All pieces of speculative fiction are accepted.

You must be a currently enrolled Texas A&M undergraduate student to submit.
Submission word limit is 3000 words.

Submission Link:
<https://bit.ly/SciFiContest22>

Submission Deadline:
February 14, 2022

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