Program Description
The English program at Colorado Mesa University offers a Bachelor of Arts in literature, writing, or secondary education, as well as a Professional Certificate in Editing and Technical Communication. Students will gain breadth as they read widely in world, British, and American literatures, and they will gain depth as they engage contemporary literary theory, linguistics, and rhetoric. With the intense focus on writing and critical thinking, graduates will be well prepared as they enter master and doctoral programs, law school, library science programs, or move directly into the work force as public relations reps, guidance counselors, or administrators at institutions related to the arts. Opportunities abound as they hone their craft in poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction workshops. Students may join the Creative Writers Club or work as an editor for CMU's own literary magazine, The Literary Review, or Pinyon Poetry, a nationally circulating literary periodical. These opportunities provide invaluable experience and prepare students for careers that value creative and insightful employees. For those with an interest in teaching, they will first gain an expertise in literature and language, followed with a focus on teaching as they design assignments, learn pedagogical theories, work closely with local middle and high school teachers, and complete student teaching internships. The Center for Teacher Education offers a comprehensive program of study that leads to licensure in Colorado. The secondary licensure program provides teacher education candidates with broad content knowledge in English and prepares them as teachers for grades 7 through 12. Above all, by reading, interpreting, and evaluating complex literature, theories, and criticism, students will learn to organize ideas, assert and defend claims, and research. Employers will value their ability to solve problems and present ideas in effective language to a wide range of audiences. They will think critically, having learned to weigh evidence, identify assumptions, evaluate persuasive appeals, and recognize faulty reasoning. Employers want smart, flexible, and creative employees, all hallmarks of a Colorado Mesa University graduate in English.

The English minor should be of interest to students who want to broaden their backgrounds in the liberal arts as well as to those planning careers in which experience in literature and writing is useful, such as law, journalism, advertising, theatre, business, public service, or graduate study in other academic subjects. The Professional Certificate in Editing and Technical Communication, an interdisciplinary credential that combines copy editing, technical writing expertise, and design courses, is designed for those who want a career improving, producing, and sharing documents. And for those who want to pursue graduate work, we offer a Graduate Certificate in Rhetoric and Literary Studies delivered online. The certificate offers a range of courses, from composition theory and British and American literature to literary theory, linguistics, and creative writing.

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Certificates
- Editing and Technical Communication (Professional Certificate) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/english/edit-tech-comm-prof-cert/)

Graduate
- Rhetoric and Literary Studies (Graduate Certificate) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/education-teacher-licensure/rhetoric-literary-studies-graduate-certificate/)