

# English



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*"I'm teaching 7th grade language arts in Chesterfield County, Va. so I use my English knowledge all day, every day. When I arrived at Averett, my weakest area in English was definitely grammar. After origins and structure of English, and teaching composition I was prepared and confident in my abilities. Most importantly, the professors in the English department made it obvious that they enjoyed not only their material but also the students and their learning. They took the time to get to know me, encourage me, and challenge me, and that's what I try to do for my students now."*

**Amanda "Mandy" Bowles, '03, B.A.** in English with a teaching certificate

In addition to teaching, Mandy also coaches the middle school cheerleading squad and teaches the middle schoolers at her church.

## Contact Us

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### Find Yourself at Averett

As an English major you will learn from professors who are novelists and Shakespeare scholars as well as experts in Victorian literature, detective fiction and Milton. The curriculum emphasizes understanding of major periods and major texts, and offers students the chance to explore specific areas of interest. Upper level courses are almost always conducted as seminars, with no more than a dozen students in each class.

Many of our English majors choose to teach in secondary schools. However, our graduates are also prepared for journalism or business related fields, such as public relations or advertising.

### Study What Interests You

English majors have the opportunity to participate in a variety of independent studies and research projects. Past research projects have included:

- "Shakespeare's Rivals"
- "Forbidden Literature"
- "Women Writers of the 18th Century"
- "Southern Literature"
- "Literature and Music in Time of War"
- "African-American Literature"

### Gain Hands On Experience

Internships are available for outstanding junior and senior English majors with Averett's Learning Center. Students help their fellow students with writing and research skills as well as offer tutoring in various English courses.

### Alumni have attended graduate school at:

- Duke University
- Campbell University
- North Carolina Central University
- Appalachian School of Law

## Study With Experienced Faculty

**Alana Adkins**, assistant professor and director of the writing center; B.A., M.A., University of North Carolina at Greensboro

**Interests include:** rhetoric, writing, editing, British literature, genre fiction and popular culture

**Dr. Ann Garbett**, professor; A.B., Franklin College; M.A., Ph.A., Ph.D., University of Arkansas

**Interests include:** poetry (creative writing), Shakespeare, Chaucer, the English Renaissance, linguistics and history of the language

**Dr. Jane Govoni**, assistant professor; B.A., Duke University; M.A., University of Illinois; Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania

**Interests include:** modern literature and 18th century literature

**Michael Hammonds**, associate professor; B.A., M.A., University of Oklahoma

**Interests include:** novels (novel writing), writing for broadcast journalism and editorial writing

**Dr. Betty Heard**, professor; B.A., Southern Methodist University; M.A., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Greensboro

**Interests include:** Milton, development of the English novel, women's studies and children's literature

**Dr. Stephen Hecox**, assistant professor; B.A., M.A., Ph.D., University of Nevada

**Interests include:** rhetoric, linguistics, African-American literature, mystery fiction and popular culture

**Dr. David Hoffman**, professor; B.A., M.A., Marshall University; Ed.D., University of North Carolina at Greensboro

**Interests include:** southern literature, writing for public relations and magazine article writing

## Scholarships for English Majors

- The Anne Worthington Scholarship
- The Mrs. Bryant Heard Scholarship

## Pre-Law Degree

The English department, in conjunction with the history department, offers a special pre-law option—the program includes courses in:

- Ethics
- Government
- American History
- Human Behavior
- Business Law

## Coursework

Some of the courses you can expect to take as an English major may include:

- Southern Literature
- Major British Authors, 19th and 20th Centuries
- Romantic Poetry and Prose
- Modern Literature
- Literature for Children

For more information about requirements and courses you will be taking visit Averett's Web site:

[www.averett.edu/academics/english](http://www.averett.edu/academics/english)

## Alumni Success Stories

• **Kristi Martin, '08**, is pursuing graduate work in English at Wake Forest University.

• **Elise Spencer, '07**, is pursuing graduate work leading to a Ph.D. in English at Loyola University of Chicago.

• **Angela "Angie" James, '03**, graduated from Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond. She is director of youth ministries at Powhatan Community Church.

• **Torrey Dixon, '00**, graduated from Duke Law School with a J.D. law degree and Duke Divinity School with a master's degree in theological study. He is the director of FairVote North Carolina.

• **Jennifer Vaida, '99**, is director of communications and public relations for Gulliver Schools in Florida.

• **Amy Cross, '97**, is an assistant commonwealth's attorney for the state of Virginia.

• **Teresa Petty, '93**, is the early childhood education supervisor for Pittsylvania County Public Schools.

• Several graduates teach English at all levels including: **Sandi Rossman, '05**, **Meghan Beardsley, '04**, and **Adrian Nester, '01**.