Prepare yourself for the work force by gaining experiences that will help you in all fields. Students interested in writing, reading, research, and creativity and developing these marketable skills needed for a changing job outlook should consider English. Students will gain abilities in writing, editing, revising, researching, and learn how to critique one another. No other major on campus offers this particular combination in such intensity.

English graduates have gone on to work at various positions across the country. Many of our students entered the corporate world of copywriting and web design. Others are working with publishing houses as editors, while some used their experiences to become journalist or go to law school. Our English program prepares students for any job that asks for excellent writing and thinking skills and the need for strong communication skills.

At River Falls, students have the opportunities to in several experiences that contribute to their overall success while at the university. Students have participated in the UWRF Summer Scholar Program doing undergraduate research and in NCUR, the National Conference for Undergraduate Research.

Students focus on professional development through course work, acquiring skills in classes such as Technical and Professional Writing, Opinion Writing, and Proposal Writing, while taking more traditional English classes as well.

**Internships and Hands-on Experience**

Location is key to students pursuing this degree. Because of our proximity to Minneapolis/St. Paul, the English department has had students intern at places like The Loft Literary Center, The Science Museum, and Graywolf Press. Creative writing and Literature emphasis are so intimately connected that all English students have an incredible background as readers and as writers.

English majors at UWRF are given ample opportunities to work within a professional business setting to working hands-on in a classroom setting. Students will connect with their peers through organizations like the Literary Society and Prologue—a student literary magazine. Students gain unique experiences while on campus, enhancing professional experiences.

**Education Emphasis**

English majors emphasizing in education have the opportunity to work not only within the River Falls area, but also take advantage of other partnerships UWRF has within the Twin Cities, and other local areas.

Learn about other opportunities from the Secondary Education planning sheet.

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The English Department understands the importance of global awareness within their students and promotes travel abroad programs through scholarships and personal advising. During both fall and spring semesters this past year, English students participated in the Wisconsin in Scotland (WIS) program. English faculty member, Dr. David Furniss, taught three courses in the WIS program this past spring. Dr. Furniss states “this has been a wonderful opportunity to truly immerse myself in this area. Although it’s quite clear to the locals I’m not a native, I no longer feel like a tourist here!”

Students are able to use their talents in and out of the classroom, giving them opportunities unique to their education at UW-River Falls. This tight-knit, community essence found allows students to not only learn from their professors, but gives them the chance to get to gain an excellent education.