ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

As part of a Christian liberal arts institution in the Reformed tradition, Trinity’s English department takes seriously the cultural mandate of Genesis 1:28. It is our conviction, as stated in the College’s mission statement, that “those who teach and learn are called to be co-workers with Christ in subjecting all cultural activities to the reign of God.” In our discipline, the implications of this calling are concentrated on language—a facility that sets human beings apart from all other creatures, an attribute in which we bear God’s own creative image, a gift that we have corrupted through sin, yet still, by grace, a powerful means of redemption.

We engage the world through imaginative and critical language. As social practices, reading and writing interact with other social practices under the influence of religious beliefs. Consequently, we believe that our discipline is fundamentally important to all Trinity students, regardless of major. Within our major and minor, we work to prepare students for graduate work in English and for entry into fields such as publishing, non-profits, law, and education. As a department we marvel with our students at the beauty of the English language—its sounds and structures, its unique historical development, its rhetorical force, its poetic riches—and in our writing, both critical and creative, we seek to use this language in ways that will bring glory to the one who first shaped both it and us.

MINOR COURSEWORK

- ENGL 103 or HON 103
- ENGL 104 College English: Introduction to Literature
- ENGL 201 Poetry and Drama
- ENGL 203 Fiction
- ENGL 205 Texts and Contexts: Renaissance to Modern
- ENGL 352 Children’s Literature
- One from: ENGL 360, 362, 364, 366
- One from: ENGL 340, 341, 343, 344, 350, 354
- One English Elective Course