

Prairie Lands Writing Project

English Education students and graduates are encouraged to become involved with the Prairie Lands Writing Project (PLWP) at Missouri Western. PLWP is northern Missouri's only National Writing Project* site. PLWP now delivers a plethora of programs year-round throughout northern Missouri:

- teacher learning communities
- writing groups and retreats
- in-services
- youth writing camps
- advanced institutes and open institutes

PLWP's goals include improving student writing and literacy skills for grades K-16 and providing professional development opportunities for teachers using the "Teachers Teaching Teachers" model."

** The National Writing Project is a professional development network whose mission includes improvement of student achievement by improving the teaching of writing in the nation's schools. www.nwp.org*



English Education Program

Missouri Western State University



For more information

Department of English,
Foreign Languages and Journalism
816.271.4577
www.missouriwestern.edu/eflj



Missouri Western State University
4525 Downs Drive • St. Joseph, MO 64507



A Career in Teaching: English Education

The teaching of Language Arts in middle and secondary schools must provide students with the opportunities and resources to develop language skills they will need to pursue life's goals and to participate fully as

informed, productive members of society. Students in the English BSE in Education study methods and theories that will enable them as professional educators to encourage the development of curriculum and instruction that develop the emerging literacy abilities that children bring to school. English Education majors are encouraged to explore and practice all kinds of scholarly innovation and creativity essential to teaching and learning.

Bachelor of Science in Education Degree Requirements: Major in English*

The Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a major in English leads to certification to teach English in secondary schools. Students who pursue this program should consider teaching as their immediate career goal. The BSE major in English includes introductory and advanced courses in Writing, Linguistics, Children's and Adolescent Literature, Composition Theory, Teaching Methods, Teaching Writing in Middle & Secondary Schools, History of the English Language, and Practicum in the Teaching of Writing.

**See the Department of Education for required courses in education. Information about alternative avenues to certification are available on the Education Department's website: www.missouriwestern.edu/teacherleader/altcert/*

Admission to Teacher Education

1. A. ACT composite of 22 or SAT combined score of 1030, and
B. Passing score on each subtest of C-BASE.
OR
A. ACT composite score on file at MWSU, and
B. C-BASE with no score lower than 265 (66 percentile) for each subtest
2. Overall GPA of 2.5
3. Satisfactory completion of EDU202/203

ACT and C-BASE scores should be received the semester before students apply for admission to teacher education (up to four months should be allowed for scores to be processed).



SNCTE: Student Affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English

The Missouri Western NCTE organization is open to all students at Missouri Western State University, especially those who plan to be elementary and secondary teachers. The group organizes several events on campus each semester and holds regular meetings throughout the school year. They invite all students to join in supporting the teaching of English.