



**BLACK HILLS**  
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# ENGLISH

BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (B.S. ED.)  
PROFESSIONAL WRITING (MINOR)  
CREATIVE WRITING (MINOR)  
TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (MINOR)



ENGL 492: Through the Whedonverse

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- » Advertising Executive
- » Author
- » Bookstore Manager
- » Columnist
- » Communications Director
- » Copywriter
- » Correspondent
- » Creative Writer
- » Editor
- » Entertainment Agent
- » Entrepreneur
- » Grant & Proposal Writer
- » Journalist
- » Librarian
- » PR Specialist
- » Publisher
- » Sales
- » Social Media Manager
- » Teacher
- » Technical Writer
- » Translator

## EMBRACE YOUR CREATIVITY

Home to future teachers, authors, writers, and editors, English is also one of the most versatile majors, preparing students for a diverse range of careers in law, medicine, fine arts, advertising, entertainment, business, and technology. The study of English develops creativity, verbal acuity, adaptability and dexterity in creative problem solving, observation and invention, critical reading and analytical skills, and exceptional writing skills. The following are two of the interesting courses offered:

- ◆ **ENGL 492: TOPICS** English majors are required to take two to four ENGL 490/492 courses depending on their specific degree. The intriguing seminars included under this course title vary per semester in both content and professor, each focusing strictly on one given topic. Some examples of seminars held in past semesters are “Into the Whedonverse” - a study of Joss Whedon’s postmodern texts - (pictured above), “American Auteur: The Films of Wes Anderson,” “Epic Romance” - a study of poetry from classical to medieval times, - and even “King James Bible” - a study of the narrative framework of the Hebrew Scriptures. With two new and different course options every semester, there is a seminar for nearly any interest.
- ◆ **ENGL 426: HISTORY AND STRUCTURES OF ENGLISH** This course offers a comprehensive historical background for understanding modern English. Students will explore the fascinating story of English: how the dialect of a small Germanic tribe became - due to numerous factors - the *lingua franca* of today, the international language of the 21st century.



**CAITLIN HILL**  
CLASS OF 2016, PUBLISHED AUTHOR

Currently working with *Fugue*, Hill said, “As a BHSU undergraduate, I received a caliber of mentorship that one would typically only find in graduate programs. Through this close attention, I was able to develop my creative work with my faculty mentor outside of official classes. Instead of only working for a grade, I was able to jump-start my career.”



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## UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- The English major delivers a broad study of literature and culture in Britain, America, and beyond, but also provides students with the freedom to choose electives and intensive seminars that fit their interests and passions.
- In 2016, *The Wall Street Journal's* report on the NACE findings noted that “those with degrees in English and in foreign languages brought home bigger paychecks, with starting salaries rising 14.3% and 13.6% respectively,” and that “behind the numbers is a growing desire among employers for hires with strong communication skills.”
- English Education placement is at 100% for those seeking employment after graduation.
- English majors have the opportunity to apply to become student researchers for the Veterans Legacy Program.
- Students have the opportunity to pursue internships at regional organizations such as Matthews Opera House and Sanford Lab.
- Students are eligible for paid positions as writing consultants in the Writing Center.

## NEW TO BHSU

**THE CREATIVE WRITING MINOR:** This 18-credit minor provides students interested in the field of creative writing a comprehensive plan of study and training, both in genre and form and technique. Students also have the opportunity to publish their creative writing and/or work on the editorial board of Three Peaks Review, BHSU's student-run literary journal.



**CAMI WENK**  
CLASS OF 2016,  
ENGLISH TEACHER IN  
BELLE FOURCHE, SD

Currently working on her Masters in Education in Technology and Customized Learning, Wenk said, “I would choose BHSU's English department because all the professors are fantastic. They have different teaching styles and give learners the opportunity to explore some different areas of interest. I know that they were also working to get more diversity within their teaching materials, which was awesome.”



COME VISIT THE WRITING CENTER

## CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

### THREE PEAKS REVIEW

Open to all students at BHSU, this campus organization (formerly known as English Club) provides students with the chance to run or contribute to BHSU's literary journal. Contact [Matthew.Bauman@BHSU.edu](mailto:Matthew.Bauman@BHSU.edu) to learn how to become involved.

### BELLMAN AWARDS

The Bellman Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Writing is a competition open to any student who has a passion for writing. Awards are given in three categories: Composition, Literature, and General Writing. All submissions must be work produced at BHSU during the respective academic year. To learn more visit [www.BHSU.edu/BellmanAwards](http://www.BHSU.edu/BellmanAwards).

### WRITING RESOURCES

BHSU is proud to offer services for students who need assistance with their writing. The Writing Center is open during the fall and spring semester. Assistance is available during every step of writing. Whether students need help with their outlines, original ideas, or simple revision, the Writing Center has it all. The goals of the Writing Center are to:

- Enable students to compose more fluently
- Assist students in writing and revising their work
- Assist students with further development of their critical thinking skills
- Help students become stronger and more diverse writers
- Acquaint students with the conventions and expectations of academic writing

Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. To make an appointment, visit [BHSU.edu/WritingCenter](http://BHSU.edu/WritingCenter). The Writing Center is located on the first floor of the E.Y. Berry Library and is open various times Monday-Friday, and Sunday.

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**Anything**  
is Possible