Portrait of the Major
An English major at Thiel College is a foundational and diverse major that not only allows for an enjoyable, challenging and exciting program of exploration but also prepares you for a number of vocations. The beauty of an English degree is the intellectual versatility that a program of textual analysis and critical writing provides.

Curriculum Highlights
The English Department offers majors in English literature, English writing and secondary education (in conjunction with the Education Department) that can be tailored to your specific vocational goals.

Special Features
By studying English at Thiel College, you’ll be able to:
• Be part of a close knit major—you will become very close to your fellow majors and your professors, thanks to small class sizes that foster meaningful discussion and individual attention.
• Study with experienced faculty—you will benefit from one of the most qualified faculties in the region as the majority of our professors are senior-level professors with decades of classroom experience.
• Enjoy unique study and travel opportunities—Thiel offers a Literary New England trip every third year that will allow you to develop geographic context for some of the great movements and authors in American literature. The department currently is working to extend that model to a Literary Old England trip. Thiel is the only institution in the area to offer literary study-away programs in both English and American literature.
• Join Sigma Tau Delta—membership in this prestigious international English honorary entitles you to attend and present professional papers at English conferences and to publish The Phoenix, Thiel’s annual creative and literary journal.

Career and Graduate School Outlook
Our English majors have gone on to become editors, consultants, writers, public servants or teachers, among many other industries. The major also prepares you for post-graduate study in a variety of fields, such as English, law, library science, theology, business or even medicine.

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What drew me to Thiel was the small community and small campus, and it provided a hands-on learning experience and the attention I needed. Thiel has definitely expanded since I left, but it is growing for the better and offering so many more possibilities! Even though it is a small campus, it packs a lot of groups, clubs and activities throughout the academic year. The English Department was very hands-on, always had office hours and anyone available was willing to help. Even though I graduated with an English writing degree, I went to work in the world of logistics and construction. Employers were very impressed that I had this degree, but also was very flexible and willing to adapt.”

Alison Mastalski-Clutter ’10, purchasing agent
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Major: English Writing; Minor: Communication Studies
Clubs & Activities: Alpha Xi Delta sorority

Emily Whipple ’13, Rochester, Pa.
Major: English
Clubs and Activities: Sigma Tau Delta, The Phoenix, Study Abroad

“I originally chose to attend Thiel for the small campus, rural setting, and good academic reputation, but I have received so much more than that in my time here. The members of the English Department faculty are always willing to go the extra mile for their students, and to me, the professors and students have become not only an academic community, but also a family. Thanks to their guidance, I feel prepared to share my love and knowledge of literature with high school students. As the president of Sigma Tau Delta and the editor of The Phoenix, I have had opportunities to gain leadership experience and participate on campus that I might not have had in another department. Becoming an English major at Thiel means choosing a challenging and stimulating curriculum as well as a fantastic support system on campus, and it has been one of the most rewarding decisions of my life.”

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