Welcome to the MTSU English Department!

My name is Doctor Steve Severn, and on behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the Department of English, I extend a sincere thanks for taking an interest in the English-related programs here at Middle Tennessee State University. If you will be joining the Blue Raider family as a student, please consider the rich opportunities available to you as an English major or minor.

Join us and you will encounter an exciting curriculum that features courses in literature, film, pop culture studies, creative writing, rhetoric and composition, and linguistics. The analysis, writing, reading, research, and communication skills you would develop in these classes will prepare you well for a wide range of possible career choices, including writing and editing, publishing, law, advertising, public relations, education, management, public service and the performing and creative arts. Of course, the English major would also provide you with a solid foundation for pursuing graduate study in English and related fields.

As an English major or minor, you would benefit from a faculty that brings to the classroom unparalleled expertise, enthusiasm, and energy. We take great pride in our unique student-centered classes, innovative teaching methods, and close faculty-student interaction. In fact, English classes tend to be smaller than most university classes in order to facilitate stimulating class discussions and to provide unique opportunities for students to develop an invaluable academic and professional skill set.

Outside of the classroom, you would also find plenty of engaging activities. You could participate in one of the creative writing events that are part of our new “In Process” series or join our chapter of the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honors Society or check out a special film screening at the Belcourt Theater in Nashville hosted by one our faculty members or just hang out in the lounge in Peck Hall 303 and enjoy some quality conversation with your teachers and fellow students. Check us out on social media and you can see what we’re up to:

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If you are interested in discussing further how an English major or minor could be the right fit for you, please either call me at (615) 898-2648 or send me an email at stephen.severn@mtsu.edu. I would love to speak with you.

All the best,

Steve Severn
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