

## MISSION STATEMENT

Texas College is a Historically Black College founded in 1894, by the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, now the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME). Our mission continues to embody the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The College shall prepare students with competencies in critical and creative thinking related to the knowledge, skills and abilities as defined in the areas of study using different modalities of instruction. Additionally, the College shall provide an environment to inspire intellectual, spiritual, ethical moral and social development, which empowers graduates to engage in life-long learning, leadership, and service. (Restated and approved by the Board of Trustees, October 24, 2024).

## CORE VALUES

To address the mission, the College incorporates the core values of:

**Academic Excellence** - Developing a culture of curiosity and creativity that will challenge the frontiers of teaching/learning; stimulate research; raise the level of analytical reasoning and inquiry; and enable students to acquire leadership, human relations, communication, and technology skills.

**Integrity** - Instilling the pursuit of character, honesty, and sincerity of purpose as the moral rubrics upon which the behaviors of our graduates and College family are anchored.

**Perseverance** - Implanting diligence, enterprise, and pride in the application of skills, knowledge, and abilities developed during the course of study at Texas College.

**Social Responsibility** - Promoting in the College community a conscious awareness that we are all stewards of the resources entrusted to our care.

**Tolerance** - Emphasizing openness to divergent points of view, applying an eclectic approach to rational and analytical thinking.

**Community Service** - Encouraging self-extension in service to others as the heart and soul of our educational enterprise.

## VISION STATEMENT

Texas College - a creative, culturally diverse, inclusive environment, preparing students who aspire to be purpose-driven, financially secure and marketable leaders.



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# ENGLISH





## ENGLISH AT TEXAS COLLEGE

Texas College's Department of English provides specialized preparation that addresses the social, intellectual, and creative heritage as indispensable to the development of the total person and the competent worker. There is special emphasis placed on English within the Humanities and other media forms. A rich variety of courses focus on the latest literary practices, including studies in drama, poetry, literature, and cinema. On a deeper level, the department also offers courses in comparative literature, research seminars, academic conference participation, professional writing, literary theory, and criticism.

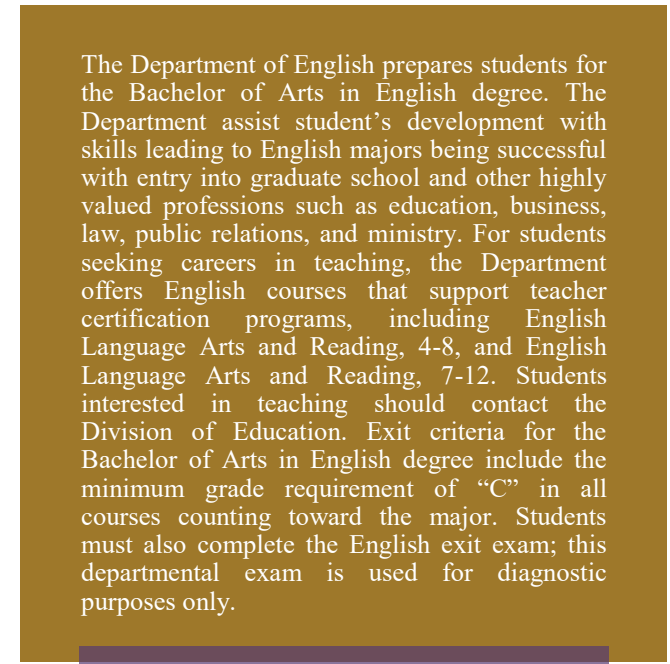
Students aspiring to become candidates for a major in the English must complete a maximum of 44 semester hours of general education courses and 36 hours of institutional requirements in English.

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The program equips students with essential background knowledge for graduate studies in English, prepares them for teacher certification, and fosters skills for employment and success within the English industry. Additionally, it offers an introductory experience to non-majors through the general core requirements. This dual approach ensures a comprehensive education that benefits both future professionals and those seeking to broaden their understanding of English.



The Department of English prepares students for the Bachelor of Arts in English degree. The Department assist student's development with skills leading to English majors being successful with entry into graduate school and other highly valued professions such as education, business, law, public relations, and ministry. For students seeking careers in teaching, the Department offers English courses that support teacher certification programs, including English Language Arts and Reading, 4-8, and English Language Arts and Reading, 7-12. Students interested in teaching should contact the Division of Education. Exit criteria for the Bachelor of Arts in English degree include the minimum grade requirement of "C" in all courses counting toward the major. Students must also complete the English exit exam; this departmental exam is used for diagnostic purposes only.

## PROGRAM GOALS

1. The student will enhance their comprehension of English through clearer explanations and definitions of key English concepts
2. The student will synthesize and articulate their understanding of English's complexities.
3. The student will explain, identify, and define key concepts and principles in English, including various literary genres.
4. The student will demonstrate cohesiveness in their interpretation and presentation of English works.

