

## Information

### Admission Requirements

Students are admitted to UMD as Pre-Teaching Communication Arts/Literature majors. Admission standards are consistent with the Minnesota Policies and standards established by the National Council for Accreditation in Teacher Education (NCATE). Admission Criteria include, but are not limited to the following:

- A cumulative overall GPA of at least 2.50 on coursework taken at UMD and elsewhere. In order to student teach you must have a gpa of at least 3.0 overall and 3.2 in the major.
- Documentation of at least 30 hours of work with groups of children in a supervised setting.
- A minimum of one reference from someone who has observed the applicant working with groups of children.
- Documentation of taking and passing the pre-professional Standard Skills Test (PPST), an exam required for Minnesota State Licensure.
- Completion of 85% of required lower and upper division coursework.

### Maintenance Standards

After students are admitted to the education program, they must make satisfactory academic progress and demonstrate acceptable professional performance in their field experiences. To be eligible for student teaching, a student must have a GPA of at least 2.5 overall and in the major and have no grades lower than a C- in courses required for the major.

### Degree Requirements (Total 120 or more Credits)

UMD Liberal Education Program Requirements

- See pages 55-58 in the 2005-2007 Catalog for more information

Advanced Writing Requirement

Major Requirements

Minor Requirements

For more information on this major, see the 2005-2007 Catalog Page 98

## Is Communication Arts/Literature Right For You?

### MCIS (Minnesota Career Information Center):

A comprehensive career and educational planning guide to help all Minnesotans explore their options.  
<http://mncis.intocareers.org>  
Username:umd Password: careerservices

**Occupational Outlook Handbook:** Find career information by searching specific occupations  
<http://stats.bls.gov/oco>

**Major Resource Kits:** covers more than 70 majors with sample job titles, how to enhance employability  
<http://career.utk.edu/students/majors.asp>

### Career Interest Checklist:

A quick and easy assessment that gives you a list of occupations to explore based on your interests  
<http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/careers/inventories/Interest-Checklist.xml>

**Myers-Briggs:** Check out UMD's Career Services website to learn your Myers-Briggs Type at: [careers.d.umn.edu/](http://careers.d.umn.edu/) See how your Myers Briggs type relates to major fields in the book, Do What You Are by Paul Tieger & Barbara Barron-Tieger

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## College of Education and Human Service Professions (CEHSP)

## Teaching Communication Arts/Literature

BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS

Grades 5-12



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## Required Courses:

### Lower Division Courses:

Public Speaking  
Interpersonal Communication  
Media and Society  
Education in Modern Society  
Introduction to World Literature  
Introduction to Language

### Upper Division Courses:

The Computer in Education  
British Literature I  
Methods of Literary Study  
American Literature I  
American Literature II  
Teaching Methods in Communication  
Teaching Language, Cognition and Writing  
Advanced Composition  
Applied Linguistics  
Drug Education  
Literature Elective

### How the program works and what it prepares you for?

The Teaching Communication Arts and Literature degree is offered by the Department of Education in conjunction with the Departments of English and Communication. This program is required students seeking teacher licensure as Minnesota Communication/Arts and Literature teachers for grades 5 through 12.

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## Required Courses Cont..

Apply for the Blocks!

### Block I

General Instructional Methods  
Apprenticeship: Middle School or Secondary School  
Educational Psychology  
Philosophy and Organization of Middle School  
Teaching Reading and Literature: Grades 5-12  
Reading in Middle and Secondary School: Grades 5-12

### Block II

Teaching Literature and Communication  
Human Relations in the Classroom  
Teaching American Indian Students  
Apprenticeship: Middle School or Secondary School  
British Period Course

### Block III

Student Teaching  
Professional Development Seminar for Secondary Education Majors  
Professional Issues in Teaching

## What Can I Do With a Major In Teaching Communication Arts & Literature?

High School Teacher  
Curriculum Specialist  
Education Management Specialist  
Religious Institution  
Education Coordinator  
Professor  
Circulation Assistant  
City Manager  
Magazine Editor  
News Editor  
Publications Editor

## Continued....

Editorial Assistant  
Entertainment Agent  
Literary Agent  
Magazine Writer  
Manuscript Reader  
Media Planner  
Columnist/Commentator  
Television Commentator  
Proofreader  
Song Writer  
Desktop Publisher  
Special Events Coordinator  
Foreign Correspondent  
Political Campaign Writer  
Proofreader  
Song Writer  
Desktop Publisher  
Special Events Coordinator  
Foreign Correspondent  
Political Campaign Writer  
Speech Writer  
Textbook Writer  
Account Executive  
Administrative Assistant  
Advertising Copywriter  
Analyst  
Author-Fiction/Non-Fiction  
Bank Officer  
Biographer  
Book Critic  
Fashion Merchandiser  
Loan Officer  
Marketing Specialist  
Medical Records  
Greeting Card Writer  
Crossword Puzzle Creator  
Human Resource Specialist

*Some Professions Require Continuing Education*