

GRADUATE PROGRAM

Masters

- English (33 Credit Hours)

The University of Southern Indiana (USI) offers a 100% online Master of Arts in English (MAE) program. The MAE program includes advanced studies in literary history and theory, rhetorical theory, the history of rhetoric, composition studies, and practical applications in teaching.

Wondering if an MAE is right for you?

The USI MAE program is designed for those who wish to teach dual credit courses in high school classrooms or composition and literature in institutions of higher education. The program also suits occupations which require excellent reading, writing, and analytical skills, as well as students who are preparing to pursue a doctorate in English.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Majors

- English (42 Credit Hours)
 - Creative Writing Emphasis
 - Literature Emphasis
 - Professional Writing and Rhetoric (PWR) Emphasis
- English Teaching (42 Credit Hours)

Minors (18 Credit Hours)

- Creative Writing
- English Teaching
- Gender Studies
- Language Arts Teaching (*24 Credit Hours)
- Literature
- Professional Rhetoric and Writing

The University of Southern Indiana (USI) offers a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English for all English majors, and a Bachelor of Science (BS) option for English Teaching and English Professional Writing and Rhetoric majors only.

ENGLISH PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN INDIANA

For more information USI's English Program go to <https://www.usi.edu/liberal-arts/english/degrees-and-programs/>.



NATALIE KOBE

Hometown: Zionsville, IN

Degree(s): BA in English
PWR

Natalie graduated in 2017 with a BA in English Professional Writing and

Rhetoric (PWR) and a minor in French Studies (Teaching). She currently works as an intern for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), as she pursues a Doctor of Law Degree (JD) at Washington University in St. Louis.

When Natalie remembers her time in USI's English program, she recalls how **"The faculty was by far the best part of the program. They are all deeply student-focused and spend real time on creating better outcomes for individuals."**



KATHLEEN BOLANDER

Hometown: Lafayette, IN

Degree(s): BA in English
Professional Writing and
Rhetoric; MAE

Kathleen studied in both

USI's undergraduate and graduate English programs, and graduated with her MAE in 2019. She now works as an Adjunct English Instructor for USI and as an Athletic Academic Mentor at Purdue University.

Kathleen explains how USI's English program, **"built me into a better student and person. The assignments taught me critical thinking skills. The readings taught me empathy and compassion. The long hours taught me perseverance. I am forever thankful for it all."**

USI ENGLISH ALUMNI

The University of Southern Indiana's undergraduate and graduate English programs do their best to set students up for success as they enter their chosen professional fields. Natalie Kobe, Kathleen Bolander, Jacqui Epley, and Mark Funkhouser are successful USI Alumni who can attest to the ways in which USI's English program has set them up for professional success.

WORDS OF WISDOM

"If you want to change the world, start with yourself. Be the change." - Mark Funkhouser

"Treasure the difficult classes, the long papers, and the endless reading lists; they make you better." - Kathleen Bolander

"Remember that nobody starts at the top; it will take hard work and perseverance to get there, but it will be so worth it in the end." - Jacqui Epley

"Network like crazy. LinkedIn is a great resource..." - Natalie Kobe

"College is your last stepping stone before you dive into the "real world." Be prepared for hardships—both in your field when you land a job/position AND the amount of time it might take to get that position—and never stop working at improving your skills, your knowledge, and your abilities. " - Jacqui Epley

JACQUI EPLEY

Hometown: Owensboro, KY

Degree(s): BA in English
Literature, PWR, and
Women's Studies; MAE

Jacqui studied in both USI's undergraduate and graduate

English programs. She graduated with a BA in English Literature, Professional Writing and Rhetoric, and Women's Studies in 2015, and an MAE in 2018. She currently works as an Instructor of English at Owensboro Community and Technical College in Owensboro, KY.

Jacqui recounts how the USI English faculty **"really made sure that students understood not just the material they were teaching but WHY it was important that we view those things from all angles and lenses."**



MARK FUNKHOUSER

Hometown: Mt. Vernon, IN

Degree(s): AS in Business
Administration and
Management; BS in English
Teaching

Mark graduated with an Associate of Science (AS) in Business Administration and Management in 1994 and a BS in English Teaching in 2004. He currently works as a site manager for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in Reno, Nevada.

Mark describes how **"USI, and the programs at USI, developed me to be a citizen, a community member, and helped me to articulate my vision and my passion."**

