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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 either an English major or minor or as part of our interdisciplinary Public Writing and Rhetoric Major.

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 will 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, you will also gain a solid foundation for pursuing graduate study in English and related fields such as technical / professional writing, creative writing and film studies.

Our students 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 courses tend to be smaller than most university classes in order to facilitate stimulating class discussions and provide unique opportunities for students to develop an invaluable academic and professional skill set.

Outside of the classroom, you will also find plenty of engaging activities. You can 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 volunteer to help with the annual statewide High-School Linguistics Olympiad we host every spring or just hang out in the lounge in Peck Hall 303 and enjoy some quality conversation and free snacks with your fellow students. Check us out on social media and you can see what we're up to:

- Facebook [www.facebook.com/mtsuenglish/](http://www.facebook.com/mtsuenglish/)
- Instagram [www.instagram.com/mtsuenglish/](http://www.instagram.com/mtsuenglish/)

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](mailto:stephen.severn@mtsu.edu). I would love to speak with you.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Severn".

Steve Severn  
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