

As a diverse department that houses faculty experts in Literature(s), Language Studies, and Creative Nonfiction, we invite you to immerse yourself in a variety of texts. You will have the opportunity to attain a nuanced understanding of timeless classics and/or contemporary literatures that will shape your understanding of today's global society. You can craft personal experiences, ideas, and interdisciplinary research into compelling narratives that have wide-ranging appeal; or explore the structure and cultural function of language itself through the discipline of Rhetoric or Linguistics.

No matter where your interests take you on your journey through the English major, you can anticipate learning the art of composing persuasive prose and enhancing your powers of advanced critical thought in a challenging yet nurturing intellectual environment. English majors are trained to write well, to think critically, to engage empathetically, and to develop arguments. You can analyze complex information, conduct rigorous research, and present ideas in a logical way.

You'll have a wide and exciting selection of careers as an English major. Employers, graduate schools, and professional schools often seek out well-rounded English majors because they are versatile, able to use their training as writers, thinkers, editors, and teachers in fields such as medicine, law, business, media, and public service. When you graduate with your BA in English, you will be prepared to advance in the countless professions that value critical thinking, ethical reasoning, and creative collaboration, as well as effective communication skills.

Course Highlights in English:

- King Arthur through the Ages
- Linguistics
- Latino/a Literature
- Autobiography
- Graphic Memoir
- Native American Literature
- Technical Editing
- Utopia/Dystopia
- Gender Identity and Personal Writing
- Frontier Narratives

Knowledge & skills gained as a English major:

Knowledge:

- Knowledge of major literary texts, genres, and critical traditions
- Knowledge of various linguistic, literary, and cultural contexts
- Knowledge of diverse literatures and cultural worldviews
- Knowledge of craft, style, and narrative technique
- Knowledge of a variety of research methods

Skills:

- Writing and speaking with clarity and precision, creative and expressive writing skills
- Detailed, balanced, and rigorous examination of texts or spoken language
- Effective communication skills that demonstrate awareness of circumstances, authorship, and intended audience
- Conducting and accurately presenting research
- Cultural Competency



Career Opportunities:

By nature, English majors make great employees in any field because of their ability to communicate effectively, think critically and solve complex problems. These timeless skills make them attractive to employers. English majors often pursue careers in the following industries:

- Journalist
- Editor
- Grant Specialist
- Technical Writer
- Speech Writer
- Publications Manager
- Research Analyst
- Copy Editor
- Personnel Manager
- Information Officer
- Press Secretary
- Copywriter
- Web Content Writer

Student Opportunities:

- Sigma Tau Delta—the international honor society for English study
- Student scholarships available for: Best Writer, Excellence in the Major, and Distinction in the Major
- Quality student internships in local industry, publishing, law and others
- Research opportunities

Concentrations available in English:

American Literature

British/Irish/Anglophone Literature

Creative Nonfiction

Language Studies

English major at a glance:

Number of majors: 150
Degrees offered: B.A.
Credit hours needed: 37–39
Minors offered: Yes (15 credits)

For more information:

For program information, contacts and course requirements visit:

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When the English major is matched with complementary minors and thoughtful internships, new possibilities arise. A few examples are:

- **English** + Pre-medicine = Doctor
- **English** + Business/Economics/Marketing = Industry jobs of all types
- **English** + Computer Science = Technical writer, publishing, new media
- **English** + Social Work = Social worker, law enforcement, case manager
- **English** + Art/Art History = Museum director, curator
- **English** + Theatre = Stage manager, dramaturge

