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An English major or minor is valuable preparation for any career in which critical thinking, nuanced analysis, and clear communication are essential. Many of our majors pursue graduate study in English, education, creative writing, or law; the major provides an excellent foundation for all of these fields. First and foremost, however, students of English are humanists, deeply concerned about the welfare of others. Through imaginatively inhabiting the worlds writers create, English students gain empathy, tolerance and perspective, habits of mind that will benefit them throughout their lives.



Major and Minors

English (B.A.)

The curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts in English offers students both structure and freedom of choice. Students take required courses in world literature, linguistics, and literary studies, along with a seven-course sequence of British and American literature. The other upper-division English courses are chosen by the student and can include creative writing, literature, film, linguistics, composition/rhetoric, and technical communications. A senior project in the student's field of interest provides the capstone to the English major.

Emphases:

Fiction Writing
Poetry Writing

Minors

English
Linguistics

Certificate

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
Technical and Professional Communication Program

English (M.A.)

This program includes the study of literature, literary criticism, linguistics, and theory of composition. It is designed to provide students with the knowledge and command of English.

Writing/Editing

- Creative writing
- Journalism
- Freelance writing

Technical

- Communication
- Technical writing and editing
- Science and medical writing
- Grant and proposal writing

Publishing

- Editing
- Advertising/sales
- Circulation
- Production
- Publicity
- Marketing
- Promotion

Business

- Management
- Sales and marketing
- Human resources
- Underwriting

Education

- Teaching/tutoring
- Information/library science
- English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Law

- Prosecution/defense

Advertising & Public Relations

- Creative services
- Account management
- Media
- Writing/editing
- Media relations
- Social media
- Fundraising

Where can this major take me?

