INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The English major introduces students to literature in English—in all its variety through time and across cultures—trains them in methods and theories of literary and cultural analysis, shows them how to pursue research and conduct arguments, and continually sharpens their writing skills.

Students who have completed a bachelor's degree in English should be able to research and write with skill and confidence, understand how words and stories work in their professional lives and in society as well as in books, and reflect with insight on their experience of literature.

CORE COURSES

A small core of classes prepares students to follow their interests in elective courses. Three (ENGLISH 45A, 45B, and 45C) offer an intensive survey of writing in English through its history, including British, American, and global literatures. Together with a required course on Shakespeare, the sequence offers tools that students can use as they develop their own focus. A set of electives and an upper division seminar (ENGLISH 190 or ENGLISH H195A/B), including one course that focuses on literature before 1800, refine students’ interpretive skills and show them how to carry out a program of research and more extended writing.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Enroll in Berkeley Connect, a one-unit mentorship and discussion course.
- Apply to the honors seminar course (ENGLISH H195A/B) and conduct long-term literary research to develop your own honors thesis while working closely with faculty.
- Join an English department-sponsored student group.
- Consider adding a Creative Writing Minor to your education.

The kinds of intimate attention to form and relation that we practice in reading literature is the prerequisite for an attentive, which is to say an ethical, presence in the world.

– Billy Kieschnick-Mulligan, English major
ENGLISH Bachelor of Arts

**FIRST YEAR**
- Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.
- Meet with your major and college advisors to map out a plan of study.
- Look through the English Department Course offerings and take a class that excites you.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Meet with the major advisor about prerequisite courses and declaring the major.
- Explore study abroad opportunities with the major advisor.
- Complete remaining core requirements (49A, 49B, 49C, and Shakespeare).

**THIRD YEAR**
- Use your six English Department electives to explore your special interests.
- Apply to a Creative Writing workshop.
- Talk to your major advisor about the optional Honors Program.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements; complete a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Enhance your capstone research experience by taking classes that provide context for your research project in ENGLISH 190 or ENGLISH H195AB.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

- Jobs and Employers
  
  Account Manager, Drogos
  
  Attorney-Advisor, US DOT
  
  Business Development Asst., UnContent
  
  Writer, Lucid Software
  
  Copyeditor, Vogue
  
  Detective, Vacaville Police Dept.
  
  Global Head of Enterprise Tech., Bofa Healthcare
  
  Reporter, LA Times
  
  Inst., San Joaquin Delta College
  
  Literary Agt. Asst., ICM Partners
  
  Nurse, UCSF
  
  Partner Marketing Mgr., Google
  
  Professor, Yale Department of English
  
  Project Coord., World Inst. on Disability
  
  Psychologist, Oakes Child Ctr.
  
  Reporter, The NY Times
  
  Research Analyst, Capital Group
  
  Senior Marketing Mgr., Amazon
  
  Social Worker, Veterans H. Admin.
  
  Software Engineer, Chegg
  
  Sr. Fundraising Mgr., Wikimedia
  
  Teacher, Tilden Preparatory School
  
  Technical Writer, Workday

- Graduate Programs
  
  Archaeology
  
  Business
  
  Chemistry
  
  Creative Writing
  
  Education
  
  English Literature
  
  Journalism
  
  Law
  
  Medicine
  
  Psychology

Examples gathered from the Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

**ALL OPPORTUNITIES LISTED ABOVE ARE AVAILABLE TO TWO-YEAR STUDENTS AND FOUR-YEAR STUDENTS**

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