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 and a lower-division research seminar (ENGLISH 90), 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.

ADOVISER

Advisor office hours change on a semesterly basis. Visit english.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/advisers for the latest updates or to schedule an appointment with Undergraduate Advisors Lisa Britt and Emily Cardoza, or to learn more about faculty major advising.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit english.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

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

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.

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**ENGLISH**

Bachelor of Arts

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**What Can I Do With My Major?**

**Jobs and Employers**
- Account Manager, Drogé
- Attorney-Advisor, US DOT
- Business Development Assoiciate, UN
- Content Writer, Lucid Software
- Copyeditor, Vogue
- Detective, Vacaville Police Dept.
- Global Head of Enterprise Tech., BoFA
- Healthcare Reporter, LA Times
- Instr., San Joaquin Delta College
- Literary Agent Asst., ICM Partners
- Partner Marketing Mgr., Google
- Professor, Yale Department of English
- Proj. 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 First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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<td>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!</td>
<td>Connect with English peers, faculty, and graduate student mentors by enrolling in Berkeley Connect. Attend an English Undergraduate Association and/or Students of Color Emerging in English event to learn more about the major and interact with students and faculty.</td>
<td>Talk to professors and advisors about your aspirations and intellectual interests. Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships to learn about student programs and resources. Explore your interests in a student-run DeCal course.</td>
<td>Learn about service and leadership opportunities with the Public Service Center and LEAD Center. Discover hundreds of organizations at the Calapalooza student activities fair. Explore study abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.</td>
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<td><strong>Reflect and plan your future</strong></td>
<td><strong>Use your six English Department electives to explore your special interests.</strong> 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.</td>
<td><strong>Practice your interviewing skills through</strong> Career Center workshops. View career data for Berkeley English graduates to get a sense of possible next steps. Conduct informational interviews with people in careers you are curious about.</td>
<td><strong>Use the Yearly Planner to help guide your career path during your time at Cal. Learn about different career fields and how your skill set can be used in all of them.</strong> Build skills and confidence for a successful internship/job search by attending Career Center workshops. Join Handshake to find Berkeley-specific internship opportunities and career development workshops.</td>
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<td><strong>WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Attend an English Department event such as the Berkeley Poetry Review, The Daily Cal, Cal Literature &amp; Arts Magazine (CLAM), or Berkeley Fiction Review (the Berkeley Fiction Review offers a DeCal course each semester).</strong></td>
<td><strong>Consider applying to the Charlene Conrad Liebau Library Prize for Undergraduate Research.</strong> Teach your own DeCal course. Submit a literary analysis essay to The Folio, the undergraduate academic journal, or apply to be on the editorial staff.</td>
<td><strong>Apply to be a Series in Poetry to hear poetry performed by Holloway.</strong> Attend a reading through the Alternative Breaks Program. Plan when and where you want to study abroad, and prepare your application.</td>
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<td><strong>Complete remaining core requirements (49A, 49B, 49C, 50, and Shakespeare).</strong></td>
<td><strong>Undertake an independent study with an English Department professor. Plan a senior thesis or project! Apply for the Haas Scholars Program or SURF. Participate in cutting-edge research projects through URAPI and SURF-SMART. Look into minoring in Creative Writing.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Learn new subjects with a summer minor, or certificate.</strong> Consider applying to the UC Berkeley Creative Writing program. Look at gaps year or go on a study abroad trip with the ACE program abroad.</td>
<td><strong>Complete 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 content for your research project in ENGLISH 190 or ENGLISH 195AB.</strong> Reconnect with professors and graduate students who mattered most to you during your time at Berkeley.</td>
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<td><strong>Explore post-grad service such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State. Look at fellowship and gap year opportunities.</strong></td>
<td><strong>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, 50, and Shakespeare).</strong></td>
<td><strong>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 content for your research project in ENGLISH 190 or ENGLISH 195AB.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>All opportunities listed above are available to two-year students and four-year students.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Join a student-run publication such as the Berkeley Poetry Review, The Daily Cal, Cal Literature &amp; Arts Magazine (CLAM), or Berkeley Fiction Review (the Berkeley Fiction Review offers a DeCal course each semester).</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Boost your Networking skills by attending events that get you talking to Berkeley alumni. Apply to full-time jobs or graduate professional school programs. Utilize job search tools from the Career Center.</strong></td>
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