INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The English major introduces students to literature in English—in all its variety through time and across cultures—training them in methods and theories of literary and cultural analysis, showing them how to pursue research and conduct arguments, and continually sharpening 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.

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.

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.

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.

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

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.

ADVISING

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 Advisor Katie Schramm, or to learn more about faculty major advising.

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### Design Your Journey

#### Bachelor of Arts

**English**

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<td>Explore your major</td>
<td>Meet with the major advisor about prerequisite courses and declaring the major</td>
<td>Use your six English Department electives to explore your special interests.</td>
<td>Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements; complete a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.</td>
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<td>Connect and build community</td>
<td>Attend English Department events such as poetry readings, lectures by visiting professors, performances, social events, career panels, and more.</td>
<td>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).</td>
<td>Reconnect with professors and graduate students who mattered most to you during your time at Berkeley.</td>
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<td>Discover your passions</td>
<td>Be bold: take an English course on an unfamiliar period, author, or topic.</td>
<td>Undertake an independent study with an English Department professor.</td>
<td>Consider applying to the Charlene Conrad Liebau Library Prize for Undergraduate Research.</td>
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<td>Engage locally and globally</td>
<td>Learn about service and leadership opportunities with the Public Service Center and LEAD Center.</td>
<td>Satisfy your American Cultures requirement with an ACES community-based project.</td>
<td>Teach your own DeCal course.</td>
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<td>Reflect and plan your future</td>
<td>Use the Yearly Planner to help guide your career path during your time at Cal.</td>
<td>Attend a reading through the Holloway Series in Poetry to hear poetry performed by contemporary poets.</td>
<td>Explore post-grad service such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.</td>
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All opportunities listed above are available to two-year students and four-year students.

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

**Jobs and Employers**

- Account Manager, Droga5
- Attorney-Advisor, US DOT
- Business Development Assoc., Univerity of the Arts
- Content Writer, Lucid Software
- Copyeditor, Vogue
- Detective, Vacaville Police Dept.
- Global Head of Enterprise Tech, BoSra Healthcare
- Reporter, LA Times
- Instr., San Joaquin Delta College
- Literary Asst., ICM Partners
- Nurse, UCSF
- Partner Marketing Mgr., Google
- Professor, Yale Department of English
- 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.

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