Bachelor of Arts in

English

College of Arts & Sciences

The English major offers students the opportunity to think critically about a wide variety of literary, popular, and scholarly texts; to understand the historical and cultural contexts in which these texts are produced, disseminated, and received; and to compose critical, scholarly, and creative texts of their own. Our nearly 100 faculty members teach undergraduate courses focused on numerous topics including American and British literature and literary history, narrative studies, digital media, film, book history, manuscript studies, language and linguistics, composition, creative writing, business and technical writing, scholarly and literary editing, rhetoric, critical theory, literacy studies, cultural studies, postcolonial studies, folklore, disability studies, sexuality studies, gender studies, African/African-American studies, American Indian studies, Asian American studies, and Latino/a literature and culture. Because of the breadth and depth of our course offerings and the ease with which the English major can be combined with a second major or minor(s), our undergraduates are well prepared to pursue jobs and/or graduate degrees across a vast array of career fields. In addition to in-depth and personalized academic advising, English majors receive extensive career and placement support as well as graduate school advising.

Career Areas/Job Titles:

Arts & Non-Profit Administration
Director of Museum Education
Grants Writer
Development Director
Event Organizer

Business and Technical Writing
Technical Writer
Copywriter

Communications and Marketing
Public Relations Director
Social Media Strategist
Brand Manager

Creative Arts
Screen and Television Writer
Novelist, Poet, Playwright

Education
College Professor

High School English Teacher
Middle School English
Teacher

Finance
Financial Advisor Investment
Specialist

Human Resources
Employee Relations
Consultant HR Specialist &
Benefits Manager Executive
Recruiter

Journalism
Managing Editor
Foreign Correspondent Staff
Writer

Law & Politics
Paralegal
Law Librarian

Media Production
Executive Producer
Copyright Administrator

Publishing
Book & Magazine Editor
Curriculum Writer
Copyeditor & Proofreader

Sales
Account Executive
Sales Manager

**Social Services &
Counseling**
Career Counselor
Public Health Program
Manager

Technology Services
Project Manager
Systems Analyst

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an English advisor about specific requirements.

Transferable Skills

Digital & Visual
Communication Technical
Writing
Persuasive Writing
Research Skills
Interviewing Skills

Editing & Copyediting
Cultural Understanding
Emotional Intelligence
Service Orientation Social
Perceptiveness

Teaching/Instructing
Others Teamwork
Willingness to Take
Risks Conceptualizing
Creativity/Imagination

University Exploration

Defining Needs & Setting Goals	Implementing Decisions	Planning
Developing Evaluation Strategies	Initiative	Prioritizing Tasks
Forecasting/Predicting	Managing Time/Stress	Strategic Planning/Visioning
Gathering Information	Administrative Skills Coaching/	Creating Innovative Solutions
Identifying Problems	Mentoring Delegation	Multi-tasking
Adaptability/Flexibility	Conflict Mediation Organization	Data Analysis
Attention to Detail	Skills	Analytical/Critical Thinking
Judgment & Decision Making		Problem Solving

This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:
http://ccss.osu.edu

Professional Links:
American Library Association: http://www.ala.org

Association of Fundraising Professionals: http://www.afpnet.org

Association of Writers & Writing Programs: https://www.awpwriter.org

Modern Language Association: http://www.mla.org

National Council of Teachers of English: http://www.ncte.org

Society for Technical Communication: http://www.stc.org