English (Literature), BA

Literature faculty and students love to read, ponder and argue. We ask how we imagine ourselves and our world through texts. Studying literature deepens a student's sense of empathy: what it means to be human, and to consider the diversity of identities and ideas.

Program Description

Undergraduate students can pursue BA degrees in English with concentrations in creative writing; linguistics; literature; secondary education; and writing, rhetorics and literacies. A bachelor's degree in English is also offered completely online.

Students in the literature concentration study British, American and global literatures in English, from the earliest writings to the present. The distinguished faculty in the Department of English are actively engaged in creative writing and scholarly research. Students gain practical experience through research and internships that prepare them for an ever-expanding variety of careers. The undergraduate programs also prepare students to continue their studies in graduate and professional programs.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics.
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)
Accelerated Degrees

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

English, MA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors. Students should refer to https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping you thrive by offering tools that allow you to personalize your transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools, and resources and help students save time and money in their college journey. Learn more about these programs by visiting the Admissions site.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in English with a concentration in literature: [http://links.asu.edu/SAO.english](http://links.asu.edu/SAO.english).

## Career Opportunities

With a degree in English, students' career options are virtually endless. Employers in all fields are always looking for workers with strong writing and other communication skills and the ability to think critically. Some of the most common professions for English majors are in these fields:

- business
- journalism
- law
- medicine
- nonprofit community service
- professional writing and editing
- public relations
- publishing
- teaching
- Web content development

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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