Explore the world of literature as you read and analyze classic and modern texts. The study of literature deepens your sense of empathy and allows you to consider what it means to be human.

Program Description

Students in the literature concentration study texts and cultures from the earliest writings in English to contemporary expressions on paper, online and out in the world. They learn to read critically and analyze representations, and to understand how stories work to define human cultures.

The distinguished faculty in the Department of English are actively engaged in academic 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:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

[2020 - 2021 Major Map](#)
[Major Map (Archives)](#)
Accelerated Program Options

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://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the 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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

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/

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.

Career Opportunities

With a degree in English, graduates' 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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