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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/advising for the latest updates or to schedule an appointment with an Undergraduate Advisor, or to learn more about faculty major advising.

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

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Bachelor of Arts

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INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Repeatedly ranked the #1 English department in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*, we introduce students to literature in all its variety through time and across cultures. An English degree trains you in methods and theories of literary and cultural analysis, shows you how to conduct research and build complex arguments, and continually improves your writing. Majors and Minors gain crucial skills for any future profession: to communicate with clarity and confidence, to understand how words and stories work not just in books but in professional lives and society, and to reflect deeply on their reading. In addition to our national fame, we are known for stellar teaching, with more winners of the Distinguished Teaching Award than other Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences departments.



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“ 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

THE ENGLISH CURRICULUM

A core of lower division classes helps students shape their literary interests. Three (ENGLISH 45A-B-C) offer wide-ranging knowledge of the history of British, American, and global writing. Together with a course on Shakespeare and an introductory seminar (ENGLISH 90), the sequence gives students tools of literary analysis for advanced study. Upper-level electives, including a seminar on method (ENGLISH 100), refine skills of writing and interpretation. In a capstone research seminar (ENGLISH 190 or H195A/B), majors design their own program of guided research and carry it out in an extended writing project. Even in required classes, there is flexibility in the choice of topics.

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.

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
Explore your major	<p>Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.</p> <p>Meet with your major and college advisors to map out a plan of study.</p> <p>Look through the English Department course offerings and take a class that excites you!</p>	<p>Meet with the major advisor about prerequisite courses and declaring the major.</p> <p>Explore study abroad opportunities with the major adviser.</p> <p>Complete remaining core requirements (45A, 45B, 45C, 90, and Shakespeare).</p>	<p>Use your five English Department electives to explore your special interests.</p> <p>Apply to a Creative Writing workshop.</p> <p>Talk to your major advisor about the optional Honors Program.</p> <p>Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.</p>	<p>Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements; complete a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>Enhance your capstone research experience by taking classes that provide context for your research project in ENGLISH 190 or ENGLISH H195A/B.</p>	Jobs and Employers Account Manager, Droga5 Attorney-Advisor, US DOT Business Development Assoc., 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 Agt. Asst., ICM Partners Nurse, UCSF 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
Connect and build community	<p>Connect with English peers, faculty, and graduate student mentors by enrolling in Berkeley Connect.</p> <p>Attend an English Undergraduate Association and/or a Students of Color Emerging in English event to learn more about the major and interact with students and faculty.</p>	<p>Attend English Department events such as poetry readings, lectures by visiting professors, performances, social events, career panels, and more.</p> <p>Get to know English Department professors and graduate students in office hours.</p>	<p>Join a student-run publication such as the Berkeley Poetry Review, The Daily Cal, Cal Literature & Arts Magazine (CLAM), or Berkeley Fiction Review (the <i>Berkeley Fiction Review</i> offers a DeCal course each semester).</p>	<p>Reconnect with professors and graduate students who mattered most to you during your time at Berkeley.</p>	
Discover your passions	<p>Talk to professors and advisors about your aspirations and intellectual interests.</p> <p>Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships to learn about student programs and resources.</p> <p>Explore your interests in a student-run DeCal course.</p>	<p>Be bold: take an English course on an unfamiliar period, author, or topic.</p> <p>Explore new subjects with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.</p> <p>Apply for prizes.</p> <p>Take a Sophomore Seminar.</p>	<p>Undertake an independent study with an English Department professor.</p> <p>Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply for the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.</p> <p>Participate in cutting-edge research projects through URAP.</p> <p>Look into minoring in Creative Writing.</p>	<p>Consider applying to the Charlene Conrad Liebau Library Prize for Undergraduate Research.</p> <p>Teach your own DeCal course.</p> <p>Submit a literary analysis essay to The Folio, the undergraduate academic journal, or apply to be on the editorial staff.</p>	
Engage locally and globally	<p>Learn about service and leadership opportunities with the Public Service Center and LEAD Center.</p> <p>Discover hundreds of organizations at the Calapalooza student activities fair.</p> <p>Explore study abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.</p>	<p>Satisfy your American Cultures requirement with an ACES community-based project.</p> <p>Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program.</p> <p>Plan when and where you want to study abroad, and prepare your application.</p>	<p>Attend a reading through the Holloway Poetry Series to hear poetry performed by contemporary poets.</p> <p>Apply to be a BUILD Literacy Mentor to tutor local Berkeley elementary school students.</p>	<p>Explore post-grad service such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.</p> <p>Look at fellowship and gap year opportunities.</p>	Graduate Programs Archaeology Business Chemistry Creative Writing Education English Literature Journalism Law Medicine Psychology
Reflect and plan your future	<p>Use the Yearly Planner to help guide your career path during your time at Cal.</p> <p>Learn about different career fields and how your skill set can be used in all of them.</p>	<p>Build skills and confidence for a successful internship/job search by attending Berkeley Career Engagement workshops.</p> <p>Join Handshake to find Berkeley-specific internship opportunities and career development workshops.</p>	<p>Practice your interviewing skills through Berkeley Career Engagement workshops.</p> <p>View career data for Berkeley English graduates to get a sense of possible next steps.</p> <p>Conduct informational interviews with people in careers you are curious about.</p>	<p>Boost your Networking skills by attending events that get you talking to Berkeley alumni.</p> <p>Apply to full-time jobs or graduate & professional school programs.</p> <p>Utilize job board tools in your job search.</p>	<p>Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.</p>