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.

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.

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.

“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

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.

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.
ENGLISH Bachelor of Arts

**Design Your Journey**

**First Year**
- Explore your major
  - Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.
  - Meet with your major and college advisors to map out a plan of study.
  - Look through the English Department course offerings and take a class that excites you.

**Second Year**
- Connect and build community
  - Attend English Department events such as poetry readings, lectures by visiting professors, performances, social events, career panels, and more.
  - Get to know English Department professors and graduate students in office hours.

- Discover your passions
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships to learn about student programs and resources.
  - Explore your interests in a student-run DeCal course.

- Engage locally and globally
  - Learn about service and leadership opportunities with the Public Service Center and LEAD Center.
  - Discover hundreds of organizations at the CalPalooza student activities fair.
  - Study abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.

**Third Year**
- Practice your interviewing skills through Career Center workshops.
  - View career data for Berkeley English graduates to get a sense of possible next steps.
  - Conduct informational interviews with people in careers you are curious about.

**Fourth Year**
- Reflect and plan your future
  - Use the Yearly Planner to help guide your career path during your time at Cal.
  - Learn about different career fields and how your skill set can be used in all of them.

- Build skills and confidence for a successful internship/job search by attending Career Center workshops.
  - Join Handshake to find Berkeley-specific internship opportunities and career development workshops.

**Graduate Programs**
- Archaeology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Creative Writing
- Education
- English Literature
- Journalism
- Law
- Medicine
- Psychology

**What Can I Do With My Major?**

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Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

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