

English, BA

LAENGBA

Deepen your understanding of literature, write more persuasively and develop your creative and critical skills. If you have a passion for reading and writing, the major in English will allow you to study what you love and provide you with the knowledge and skills to excel in any career field.


Program description

The BA program in English is offered completely online.

Students supplement a core focus on critical studies and analysis with courses on literature, linguistics, film and media, and creative and nonfiction writing to complete a robust program of study.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(online\)](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to choose a 3-year path while participating in the same high-quality educational experience of a 4-year option. Students can opt to fast-track their studies after acceptance into a participating program by connecting with their academic advisor. Fast track options appear at the top of the major map.

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with [ASU Local](#), an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU@](#) 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 they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Define and utilize key terms and conventions of literary, linguistics, and rhetorical scholarship.
- Analyze the formal construction of texts from diverse rhetorical and literary traditions to explain how they function.
- Compose original texts that situate their interpretations in conversation with multiple perspectives.

Global opportunities

Global experience

[Studying abroad](#) expands students' perspectives by exposing them to new and distinct cultures, communities and people. Students can explore the English language at a deeper level through an extended lens of dialects, literature and terminology in one of more than 300 study abroad programs.

Students can enhance their resumes and educational experience with the heightened cultural competency, communication and critical thinking skills they acquire through study abroad.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends these [study abroad programs for students majoring in English](#).

Career opportunities

Degree programs in English prepare students for a variety of careers in diverse fields. Employers seek those with strong writing, communication and critical thinking skills. Some of the most common professions for English majors are in the fields of:

- business
- law
- journalism
- nonprofit service
- publishing

Graduates often find roles where they spend time:

- developing web content
- editing
- managing public relations
- writing professional and technical content
- teaching

This undergraduate program in English studies prepares students to continue their studies in graduate and professional programs.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Communications Specialist</u>	3.7%	\$73,150
<u>Editor</u>		\$73,080
<u>English Professor</u>	1.2%	\$74,280
<u>Freelance Writer</u>	3.7%	\$73,150
<u>High School Teacher</u>	1.0%	\$62,360
<u>Public Relations Specialist</u> ☀	6.1%	\$67,440
<u>SEO Specialist</u> ☀	13.4%	\$68,230
<u>Technical Writer</u> ☀	6.9%	\$79,960

* 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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