English (Literature), BA

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 of the BA program in English 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, analyze representations and understand how stories work to define the human experience.

The program offers students the opportunity to engage with faculty in exploring American and British literature, critical theories and methods and interdisciplinary studies. Students choose from a broad array of courses to further explore subjects such as race and ethnicity, gender and sexuality and literary histories and traditions.

Students can gain practical experience through research, writing 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.

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.

https://thecollege.asu.edu/concurrent-and-second-baccalaureate-degrees

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe
• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• Second Language Requirement: Yes
• First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 Major Map
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 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 are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu 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 MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to
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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

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:

- Analyze literary and cultural texts from a variety of critical and methodological perspectives.
- Produce effective and well-supported arguments about literary and cultural texts written in the English language.
- Produce critical arguments in response to other members of a discourse community about literature or other media.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

Study abroad expands students' perspectives by exposing them to new and unique cultures, communities and people. Students can explore English literature at a deeper level through the places where great works were written, in one of over 250 study abroad programs. Students enhance their resumes with educational experience and heightened cultural competency, communication and critical thinking skills they acquired through study abroad. https://goglobal.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: https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/english.

Career Opportunities

With a degree in English, graduates' career options are virtually endless. Employers in all fields are always looking for those 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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