English (Literature), BA

Travel a world of literature as you read and analyze classic and modern texts. Begin your adventure here, where your studies will expose you to new cultures and perspectives, encouraging you to consider humanity and your place within it.

Program Description

The BA program in English literature guides students through the earliest texts and cultures in English to contemporary expressions, on paper, online, and in the world. In learning to read critically, analyze narratives and understand how stories work to define the human experience, students can consider problems and find solutions while at the same time developing written and oral communication skills.

Students have the opportunity to engage with internationally renowned faculty in exploring literature, critical theories and methods from around the world. 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 gain practical experience through research, writing, and internships that prepare them for an ever-expanding variety of careers as well as for continuing 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.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe
Required Courses (Major Map)

2023 - 2024 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 plus master's degree with:

English, MA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and how to apply.

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 college, 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.

**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:

- 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 more than 300 study abroad programs.

Students' resumes are enhanced with the educational experience and heightened cultural competency, communication and critical thinking skills they acquired through study abroad.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends these study abroad programs for students majoring in English with a concentration in literature.

**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 example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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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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