

English, BA

LSENGBA

If you value reading and writing, this is the degree for you. Gain expertise in informative and imaginative writing, learn about diverse cultures and perspectives through analysis of literature and film, and develop critical thinking skills fundamental to professional success.

Program description

The BA program in English is focused on literature, writing, film and culture.

Courses address a wide variety of genres, traditions and time periods. Students engage in close reading and critical thinking as they work with powerful, multilayered texts. They build communication skills as they compose for multiple purposes and audiences. The program ends with a degree capstone that allows students to use their skills and knowledge in a personalized academic or creative project.


Students are encouraged to pursue internship opportunities such as working in online publishing with [Superstition Review](#) or mentoring youth writers in Young Authors' Studio.

Students must complete a minimum of 12 upper-division credit hours of ENG courses offered by the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: Polytechnic campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of [the WUE program](#).

At a glance

- College/School: [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#)
- Location: [Polytechnic](#) [WUE](#)

- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
OR any math course that meets the MATH designation
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 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:

[Liberal Studies, MLSt](#)

[Organizational Leadership, MS](#)

[Project Management, MPM](#)

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 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.

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.

Global opportunities

Global experience

English students can explore the hometowns of famous authors and visit locations that have inspired masterpieces of both fiction and nonfiction. [Study abroad programs](#) offer students the chance to build a global perspective and knowledge in unique environments as preparation for leadership in a future-focused career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs.

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

Career opportunities

The bachelor's degree program in English prepares scholars and teachers for graduate or professional study and for careers in education, writing and other related fields. Career prospects for secondary language-arts teachers in Arizona are particularly strong.

Additionally, students in the program develop skills that employers value, such as analyzing ideas and problems, finding and evaluating information, communicating effectively, and presenting clear and logical arguments. With these skills, graduates of the program can find jobs such as:

- advertising and promotions managers
- copy writers
- editors
- lawyers
- media and communication workers
- paralegals and legal assistants

- public relations specialists
- teachers and instructors
- technical writers
- writers and authors

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>Education Professor</u>	3.7%	\$66,930
<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>Middle School Teacher</u>	0.8%	\$61,810
<u>News Reporter</u>		\$55,960
<u>Public Relations Specialist</u> ☀	6.1%	\$67,440
<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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