

# English

## Curriculum

The English Department awards BA, MA and PhD degrees and offers a full range of courses in six areas: Composition & Rhetoric, Creative Writing, Screen Studies, Literature, Teaching English as a Second Language & Linguistics, and Technical Writing. The study of English literature and language is fundamental to any education. The English major is both a broad and flexible program with emphasis in literature, writing, or some combination of the two. Required courses assure a coherent introduction to British and American literature yet allow students to shape individual programs around particular interests.

## English majors develop the following skills:

- Establishing priorities
- Gathering information
- Analyzing texts
- Interpreting data
- Perceiving structures
- Processing complex ideas
- Evaluating results
- Managing information
- Thinking independently
- Reading critically
- Meeting deadlines
- Assessing audiences
- Communicating clearly
- Using persuasive language
- Editing skillfully
- Perceiving the world from multiple points of view

## Get Involved

English Club  
Screen Studies Society  
TESL- Linguistics Association

A complete list of student clubs and organizations can be found online at:  
<https://campuslink.okstate.edu>

## College of Arts & Sciences Career Services

213 Life Science East  
Tel: 405 744 5658

For appointments and resources:  
<http://cascareers.okstate.edu>

## Job and Internship Websites

- Society for Technical Communication  
<http://www.stc.org/>
- The Write Jobs  
<http://www.writejobs.com/>
- American Society of Journalists and Authors  
<http://www.asja.org/>
- Investigative Reporters and Editors  
<http://www.ire.org/jobs/>
- Newspaper Association of America  
<http://careerbank.naa.org/>
- Oklahoma Department of Libraries  
<http://www.odl.state.ok.us/>  
<http://www.odl.state.ok.us/fyi/jobline/jobokla.htm>
- U.S. Department of State  
<http://www.state.gov/careers/>
- American Library Association  
<http://www.ala.org/>
- Society of Professional Journalists  
<http://www.spj.org/>
- Sunoasis Jobs  
<http://www.sunoasis.com/jobpostings.html>
- Nation Job  
<http://www.nationjob.com/media/>
- Public Relations Society of America  
[www.prsa.org](http://www.prsa.org)
- Book Jobs  
<http://www.bookjobs.com/>
- Media Bistro  
<http://www.mediabistro.com/>
- Publisher's Weekly  
<http://www.publishersweekly.com/>  
<http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/jobzone/index.html>
- Publishers Marketplace  
<http://www.publishersmarketplace.com/jobs/>
- US Publishing Jobs  
<http://www.uspublishingjobs.com/>

## **Creative & Technical Writing:**

English majors are detail oriented employees who have a strong ability to communicate information clearly and creatively.

### **Career Options**

- Freelance Writer
- Author
- Technical Editorial
- Assistant Technical Writer
- Computer Instructional Designer

### **Potential Employers**

- Print/Broadcast Media
- Private Companies
- Human Resource Departments
- School Districts/Colleges

## **Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations:**

English majors are creative thinkers who can communicate clearly in writing and have attention to detail.

### **Career Options**

- Advertising Copywriter
- Marketing
- Communications Specialist
- Copy Editor/Copy Reader
- Editorial Assistant
- Publications Researcher
- Advertising Account Assistant
- Public Relations/Public Information Specialist

### **Potential Employers**

- Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations Firms
- News Organizations

## **Non-Profit:**

English majors have a strong ability to communicate information clearly for the purpose of gaining funding or to inform the public.

### **Career Options**

- Grant Writer
- Agency Director
- Researcher
- Communication Writer

### **Potential Employers**

- Non-Profit Organizations
- Libraries
- Social Service/Community Service Agencies

## **Film/Television/Radio/Print Media:**

English majors can work well under deadline pressure, are detail oriented, and possess strong research skills.

### **Career Options**

- Continuity Writer
- Publications Researcher
- Film Researcher/Copywriter
- Reporter/Staff Writer
- Radio/Television Copywriter

### **Potential Employers**

- Television/Radio Stations
- News Organization
- Film Production Companies

## **Teaching/Education:**

Many English majors continue their education upon completion of undergraduate school to obtain certification or advanced degrees (i.e. Masters or PhD) in order to perform the following jobs:

### **Career Options**

- Preschool Teacher
- Elementary School Teacher
- Special programs Teacher
- Secondary School Teacher
- College Instructor
- Educational Researcher

### **Potential Employers**

- School Districts
- College/University
- Vocational Training Programs
- Social Service Agencies
- Head Start Programs
- Community Colleges
- Drug Prevention Organizations

## **Business/Government:**

English majors can clearly communicate policies, procedures and research information.

### **Career Options**

- Financial Researcher
- Legislative Aid
- Lobbying Researcher
- Market Research Assistant
- Human Resources Lawyer
- Employee Newsletter Editor
- Policy and Procedures Analyst
- Corporate Communications Specialist

### **Potential Employers**

- Law Firm Government
- Human Resource Departments
- News Organizations
- Financial Organizations

## Scholarships

- Academy of American Poets Scholarship
- Arrington Creative Writing Scholarship in Fiction
- Janemarie Luecke Memorial Scholarship
- May Wilson Woods Scholarship
- Audre Chapman Scholarship in Literature
- Margaret F. Nelson Scholarship
- Ruby N. Courtney Writers Scholarship
- Mary Lou Sare Endowed Scholarship
- Sandra Drew Scholarship
- Undergraduate Literature Scholarship

For more information on English scholarships visit:  
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