

Department of English

The English program at Montana State University offers students a rich and challenging curriculum taught by award-winning faculty who take a personal interest in student success. As an English major, you will have the opportunity to study the British and American traditions, as well as contemporary poetry, creative writing, women and literature, mythology, world literature, literary criticism, and a host of other thought provoking topics.



CURRICULUM OPTIONS

The curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Arts in English provides students with three options:

Literature Option

The literature option is for students who wish to specialize in literary and cultural studies, especially those preparing for a broad range of careers in which the skills of textual analysis, composition, and communication are important.

English Teaching Option

The English teaching option is for students wishing to specialize in the study of literature, language and composition as preparation for certification for secondary school teaching. In the teaching option, students take a set of professional education courses, including student teaching.

Writing Option

The writing option is for students wishing to specialize in the study and practice of a wide range of writing, including expository, professional, creative and scholarly writing. This option is also ideal for students who wish to double-major in writing and in another field of study.

RESOURCES & FACILITIES

The MSU Writing Center

The MSU Writing Center, located in our newly renovated space, provides free writing support to all MSU students. Our peer tutors meet with writers of all abilities face-to-face, online or in writing groups at any stage in the writing process. We believe that writers need readers, and we are here to be that for you. Visit us at www.montana.edu/writingcenter.



Options within Major

- Literature
- English Teaching
- Writing

Specialized Areas of Study/Minors

- Literature (non-teaching)
- Writing (non-teaching)

Graduate Programs

- M.A. in English

What can I do with a degree in English?

- Advertising copywriter
- Attorney
- Author, fiction or non-fiction
- Circulation assistant
- College professor
- Columnist
- Commentator
- Comedy writer
- Communications manager
- Copywriter
- Creative writer
- Critic, art or book
- Desktop publisher
- Director
- Documentation specialist
- Editor
- Editorial assistant
- Education & training
- ESL teacher
- Foreign correspondent
- Freelance writer or consultant
- Interpreter or translator
- Journalist
- Librarian
- Literary agent
- Magazine writer
- Manuscript reader
- Marketing specialist
- Narrator
- Novelist
- Playwright
- Poet
- Proofreader
- Public relations specialist
- Publisher
- Radio or TV commentator
- Radio or TV newscaster
- Reporter
- Scientific writer
- Script reader
- Speech writer
- Sports writer
- Teacher (all levels)
- Technical writer
- Video scriptwriter/producer
- Writer

CAREERS WITH A DEGREE IN ENGLISH

English graduates can pursue an abundance of professional opportunities including, corporate management, consulting, finance, journalism, public relations, publishing, teaching, politics, film, and new media. The sidebar to the left includes a few examples of job titles held by people with English degrees.

As an English major, you will develop skills that employers find extremely valuable.

These include the ability to:

- Read critically
- Write persuasively
- Problem solve efficiently
- Research productively

- Analyze and evaluate complex information adeptly

For those interested in pursuing advanced degrees, holding a degree in English provides you with numerous options. Some students pursue graduate work in English leading to a Ph.D. and the opportunity to teach at a college or university. Others use their English degrees as preparation for business, law, or other professional schools.

Remember, with a degree in English your opportunities are limitless. Whatever career options you pursue, your English major will be an excellent preparation.

POP QUIZ: WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WERE ENGLISH MAJORS?

Sting (musician)

Sally Ride (astronaut)

Marty Shottenheimer (NFL coach)

Garrison Keillor (radio personality)

Steven Spielberg (director)

Dave Barry (journalist)

Matt Damon (actor)

Reese Witherspoon (actor)

Amy Tan (writer)

Conan O'Brien (television personality)

Answer: If you said all of them, you're right!

WITH A DEGREE IN ENGLISH, YOUR OPPORTUNITIES ARE LIMITLESS

Whether you are studying Shakespeare, Wole Soyinka, or Toni Morrison, reading medieval mystery plays or critiquing graphic novels, you will learn to become a perceptive reader, a thoughtful writer, and a resourceful

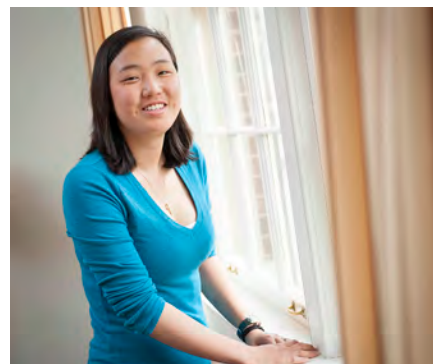
researcher. Being an English major will provide you with impressive analytical and communication skills, which are essential to a wide array of career paths.

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