

# WHY MAJOR IN ENGLISH?

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## WHICH CAREERS DO ENGLISH MAJORS PURSUE?

ALL OF THE CAREERS! READING AND WRITING SKILLS ARE IMPORTANT IN EVERY DISCIPLINE, AND EMPLOYERS ROUTINELY STATE THAT CLEAR COMMUNICATION, COMPLEX THINKING, AND WRITING SKILLS ARE ESSENTIAL TO EMPLOYABILITY.

MANY ENGLISH MAJORS GO INTO MARKETING, MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL WRITING, TEACHING, COMMUNICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT. THESE OPTIONS ARE JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG!

## ENGLISH MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES:

- **BUILD PERSONALIZED RELATIONSHIPS WITH FACULTY**
- **JOIN SIGMA TAU DELTA HONOR SOCIETY**
- **INTERNSHIPS AND TUTORING POSSIBILITIES**
- **TRAINING IN TECHNICAL, RESEARCH, AND ANALYTICAL READING/WRITING.**
- **STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES LED BY ENGLISH FACULTY**

## ENGLISH MAJORS LEARN HOW TO...

- **BUILD CRITICAL READING SKILLS AND PROCESS COMPLEX NARRATIVES.**
- **EXPRESS THEMSELVES CLEARLY AND CONFIDENTLY IN WRITING AND SPEECH.**
- **ANALYZE THE WAYS THAT NARRATIVES OF RACE AND GENDER SHAPE OUR WORLD.**
- **STRENGTHEN THEIR CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS IN EXCITING CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS.**

## QUOTES FROM ENGLISH MAJORS:

"MY ENGLISH MAJOR HAS TAUGHT ME COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR WORLD THROUGH LITERATURE!" - JOSLYN FONSECA

"MAJORING IN ENGLISH HAS ALLOWED ME TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH PROFESSORS THAT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS. MY LEARNING FEELS VERY INDIVIDUALIZED AND UNIQUE TO ME!"

- HANNAH CLARK



# ENGLISH MAJOR CHECKLIST

## LOWER LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO THE FIELD	___ENG 050
<i>HISTORY AND TRADITIONS</i> CHOOSE 1 COURSE	__ ENG 040 - ENG 048
<i>CULTURE AND IDENTITY</i> CHOOSE 1 COURSE	___ ENG 060 - ENG 077
<i>WRITING</i> CHOOSE 1 COURSE	__ ENG 080 - ENG 094

## UPPER LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

<i>SINGLE AUTHOR OR GENRE</i> CHOOSE 1 COURSE	___ENG 130, ENG 131, ENG 132, ENG 133, ENG 134, ENG 135
<i>THEORY, CRITICISM, &amp; LANGUAGE</i> CHOOSE 1 COURSE	___ENG 102, ENG 123, ENG 126, ENG 139, ENG 173, or ENG 174
<i>HISTORICAL: PRE-20TH CENTURY</i> CHOOSE 1 COURSE	__ENG 104, ENG 124, ENG 134, ENG 142, ENG 143, ENG 144, ENG 146, ENG 147, ENG 148, ENG 151, or ENG 152
<i>20TH CENTURY TO PRESENT</i> CHOOSE 1 COURSE	__ENG 125, ENG 137, ENG 147, ENG 148, ENG 153, ENG 154, ENG 155, ENG 158, or ENG 164
<i>RHETORIC AND MEDIA STUDIES</i> CHOOSE 1 COURSE	___ENG 105, ENG 108, ENG 117, ENG 121, ENG 127, ENG 129, or ENG 138
3 ELECTIVES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT	ANY 3 ENG COURSES, INCLUDING WRITING COURSES. 1 ELECTIVE MAY BE AT THE LOWER LEVEL.