

ENGLISH (BA) - SECONDARY EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

Program Overview

The Department of English provides graduates with the essential foundations of critical thinking, reading, and writing skills. English majors often engage in undergraduate research projects, presenting conference papers at local, regional, and national conferences, and publishing work in peer-reviewed journals. Our award-winning student literary journal, *Arden*, and the D. L. Jordan Endowment for Creative Writing provide students opportunities to gain editing and publishing experience as undergraduates. English-Secondary Education majors are also encouraged to participate in experiential learning activities, including internships and study abroad.

The BA in English and Secondary Education prepares students for teacher certification and a career in teaching. Complementing this track, the department offers courses to satisfy Georgia requirements for an endorsement (to teacher certification) for English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL).

All educator preparation programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. In addition to the degree requirements, there are further requirements for teaching certification. Visit the Certification page (<https://cctl.columbusstate.edu/certification.php>) on the CSU Center for Quality Teaching and Learning (CQTL) website for detailed information about certification requirements and the certification process.

Career Opportunities

In addition to pursuing traditional careers in the discipline—like teaching, library science, journalism, and creative writing—our graduates succeed in business, law, and medicine. Our majors also pursue graduate degrees in teaching, literature, creative writing, rhetoric, and technical communication.