

ENGLISH (BA) - LITERATURE 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-Literature majors are also encouraged to participate in experiential learning activities, including internships and study abroad.

Students in the BA in English-Literature track study British and American writers, world literatures, and may also pursue their interests in literary criticism, linguistics, ethnic literature, and film. This track provides groundwork for students planning to attend graduate or professional school in the humanities, education, law, or any field that requires the critical thinking skills developed by students of literature.

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 English, creative writing, rhetoric, and technical communication.