



English



Our Program

The English major at Humboldt State University offers students a solid foundation in the humanities with emphasis on skills in critical reading, writing, and reasoning. We prepare students for advanced academic work, a wide variety of career opportunities, and positions of leadership in society. We offer hands-on learning opportunities in literary publishing for Humboldt State University students through the editing and production of *Toyon*, a multilingual journal of literature and art.

The English major at HSU encompasses perspectives derived from literary theory, contextual knowledge about literature, the analysis of language, the close reading of texts, and written expression. Students take a balance of lecture and small-group instruction. This program is excellent preparation for a wide range of careers, all requiring reasoning ability and skill in the use of language. Students in English do well in many occupations, including magazine or book editor, teacher, critic, library assistant, and writer in many areas such as technology, business, government, non-profit organizations, and other organizations for social change.

We offer students individual attention in the design and planning of their particular concentrations: Literary Studies, Writing Practices, and Teaching the Language Arts (English Education). Our core courses are designed to give beginning students a breadth of literary experience, and then, as they attain more knowledge of the discipline, the concentrations provide a deeper understanding of language, literature, critical theory, and writing. This progression will be maintained through a series of courses with variable topics in these areas at the upper-division level.

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Bachelor of Arts

Concentrations available in:
Literary Studies
Teaching the Language Arts
(English Education)
Writing Practices

Master of Arts

Applied English Studies

Minors

English Literature
English Writing
Ethnic American Literature
Linguistics
Teaching English as a Second
Language

Related Careers

Biographer
Business Writer
Critic
Editor, Literary
Journalist
Lawyer
Library Reference Worker
Magazine Writer
Novelist
Playwright
Poet
Proof Reader
Publicist
Reviewer
Story Teller
Teacher
Technical Writer
Television Writer

Some of the careers listed may require additional or specialized coursework.

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