The English Department awards BA, MA and PhD degrees and offers a full range of courses in six areas: Composition & Rhetoric, Creative Writing, Screen Studies, Literature, Teaching English as a Second Language & Linguistics, and Technical Writing. The study of English literature and language is fundamental to any education. The English major is both a broad and flexible program with emphasis in literature, writing, or some combination of the two. Required courses assure a coherent introduction to British and American literature yet allow students to shape individual programs around particular interests.

**English majors develop the following skills:**

- Establishing priorities
- Gathering information
- Analyzing texts
- Interpreting data
- Perceiving structures
- Processing complex ideas
- Evaluating results
- Managing information
- Thinking independently
- Reading critically
- Meeting deadlines
- Assessing audiences
- Communicating clearly
- Using persuasive language
- Editing skillfully
- Perceiving the world from multiple points of view

**Job and Internship Websites**

- Society for Technical Communication  
- The Write Jobs  
- American Society of Journalists and Authors  
- Investigative Reporters and Editors  
- Newspaper Association of America  
- Oklahoma Department of Libraries  
  [http://www.odl.state.ok.us/](http://www.odl.state.ok.us/)
  [http://www.odl.state.ok.us/fyi/jobline/jobokla.htm](http://www.odl.state.ok.us/fyi/jobline/jobokla.htm)
- U.S. Department of State  
  [http://www.state.gov/careers/](http://www.state.gov/careers/)
- American Library Association  
  [http://www.ala.org/](http://www.ala.org/)
- Society of Professional Journalists  
- Sunoasis Jobs  
- Nation Job  
- Public Relations Society of America  
  [www.prsa.org](http://www.prsa.org)
- Book Jobs  
- Media Bistro  
- Publisher’s Weekly  
- Publishers Marketplace  
- US Publishing Jobs  

**Get Involved**

- English Club
- Screen Studies Society
- TESL- Linguistics Association

A complete list of student clubs and organizations can be found online at: [https://campuslink.okstate.edu](https://campuslink.okstate.edu)

**College of Arts & Sciences Career Services**

213 Life Science East  
Tel: 405 744 5658  
For appointments and resources: [http://cascareers.okstate.edu](http://cascareers.okstate.edu)
Creative & Technical Writing:
English majors are detail oriented employees who have a strong ability to communicate information clearly and creatively.

Career Options
- Freelance Writer
- Author
- Technical Editorial
- Assistant Technical Writer
- Computer Instructional Designer

Potential Employers
- Print/Broadcast Media
- Private Companies
- Human Resource Departments
- School Districts/Collages

Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations:
English majors are creative thinkers who can communicate clearly in writing and have attention to detail.

Career Options
- Advertising Copywriter
- Marketing Communications Specialist
- Copy Editor/Copy Reader
- Editorial Assistant
- Publications Researcher
- Advertising Account Assistant
- Public Relations/Public Information Specialist

Potential Employers
- Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations Firms
- News Organizations

Non-Profit:
English majors have a strong ability to communicate information clearly for the purpose of gaining funding or to inform the public.

Career Options
- Grant Writer
- Agency Director
- Researcher
- Communication Writer

Potential Employers
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Libraries
- Social Service/Community Service Agencies

Film/Television/Radio/Print Media:
English majors can work well under deadline pressure, are detail oriented, and possess strong research skills.

Career Options
- Continuity Writer
- Publications Researcher
- Film Researcher/Copywriter
- Reporter/Staff Writer
- Radio/Television Copywriter

Potential Employers
- Television/Radio Stations
- News Organization
- Film Production Companies

Teaching/Education:
Many English majors continue their education upon completion of undergraduate school to obtain certification or advanced degrees (i.e. Masters or PhD) in order to perform the following jobs:

Career Options
- Preschool Teacher
- Elementary School Teacher
- Special programs Teacher
- Secondary School Teacher
- College Instructor
- Educational Researcher

Potential Employers
- School Districts
- College/University
- Vocational Training Programs
- Social Service Agencies
- Head Start Programs
- Community Colleges
- Drug Prevention Organizations

Business/Government:
English majors can clearly communicate policies, procedures and research information.

Career Options
- Financial Researcher
- Legislative Aid
- Lobbying Researcher
- Market Research Assistant
- Human Resources Lawyer
- Employee Newsletter Editor
- Policy and Procedures Analyst
- Corporate Communications Specialist

Potential Employers
- Law Firm
- Government
- Human Resource Departments
- News Organizations
- Financial Organizations

Scholarships
- Academy of American Poets Scholarship
- Arrington Creative Writing Scholarship in Fiction
- Janemarie Luecke Memorial Scholarship
- May Wilson Woods Scholarship
- Audre Chapman Scholarship in Literature
- Margaret F. Nelson Scholarship
- Ruby N. Courtney Writers Scholarship
- Mary Lou Sare Endowed Scholarship
- Sandra Drew Scholarship
- Undergraduate Literature Scholarship

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