ENGLISH
Bachelor’s Degree & Minor

Explore the cultural and artistic spectrums of world literature.

Find Your Inspiration
The English program engages students in understanding and creating well-crafted writing through an intensive study of literature and creative writing. Under the tutelage of scholars and writers from the Bay Area’s renowned literary arts communities, students hone their skills in critical analysis, literary interpretation, and the broad range of writing modes.

Imagine Career Possibilities
The program enables students to investigate the cultural and artistic spectrums of American, British, and world literatures as well as explore the art of writing. Such scope and depth of knowledge prepare students for careers in communications, creative writing, editing, education, journalism, law, marketing/advertising, multimedia writing, public relations, radio/TV production, research, speechwriting, and a host of other fields.

Envision the Process
The English program offers two distinct degree tracks:

- Major: English
  Students explore the linguistic, cultural, and personal meaning of epics, poems, novels, and plays. Through studies in literature’s diverse texts, students investigate the cultural significance and literary craft of many texts and contexts. Students learn to read critically, comprehend contextually, and write analytically, as they bring their own interpretations and ideas to their critical work.

  The senior experience for this major involves researching and writing an extended analysis of a literary topic. Students present a summary of this advanced work for members of the University community and invited guests toward the end of the semester at a reading that culminates and celebrates their accomplishment.

- Major: English with a Writing Emphasis
  Drawing from the literatures of the world, faculty mentors work with student writers to germinate their own creative talents. This major joins the disciplined reading, writing, and literary explorations of the English major with the students’ own creative writing from among several genres.

  The senior experience for this major involves developing a portfolio of writing in a chosen genre or genres, together with an introductory essay discussing the portfolio in its literary and creative context. Upon completion, students read from their portfolios for the University community and guests.

Explore the challenges and rewards of this degree program.
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Achieve Success

Students will demonstrate:

1. Verbal literacy – to write expository essays that have focused theses, organization, development, and Standard English, that draw upon both primary and secondary sources, and that document those sources correctly.

2. Literary Forms and Concepts – to identify and analyze the literary elements and forms of major genres: drama, epic, fiction, and poetry.

3. Historical and cultural contexts – to make connections between a specific literary work (e.g., subject, form, style) and its historical and cultural contexts (e.g., major event, documents, behavior patterns, beliefs).

4. Major in English – to focus and sustain an argument relating to literary works, analyzing and synthesizing materials from both primary and secondary sources and interrelating critical and research skills.

5. Major in English with a Writing Emphasis – to focus and sustain a creative writing portfolio, interrelating form and technique appropriate to a specific literary genre.