



## Bachelor of Arts **ENGLISH**

The Department of English is an active and thriving community where students find numerous opportunities to develop the power of imagination in and out of the classroom under the mentoring of dedicated professors.

The department offers coursework in various genres of literature, language, writing and film for students wishing to focus on a particular field in their major. All courses offered aim to prepare students for careers and lives rich in critical thinking and literacy.

English students have the opportunity to meet professionals who are using their English degrees in innovative and exciting ways. Students also gain hands-on publishing experience from respected alumni and learn how an English degree prepares them for careers in publishing, the law, medicine, business and education.

Our students graduate with real-world skills and a passion for literature and knowledge that give them a unique perspective on the world around them as they step into their futures.

### **PROGRAM FEATURES**

**“Calliope” Literary  
Arts Magazine**

**Arlen Hansen  
Writing Contest**

**Seamus Heaney  
Fellowship**

**Visiting Writers**

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Pacific's English department made me a better thinker, a stronger communicator and a more engaged citizen. I now have the tools I need to live a well-rounded, purpose-driven life.

**EMILY OLSON**  
BS English

### **The Major**

Students majoring in English can choose courses in creative writing, professional writing, British literature, American literature, world literature, film studies, interdisciplinary studies, language and critical theory and gender studies. Given the flexibility of the English major, many students within the university choose to double major.

The department offers a minor in English and writing for students committed to a different academic major.

### **The Experience**

Students in the Department of English have numerous outlets to express their creativity, develop a deeper appreciation for their field of study and bond with their classmates. Many students contribute to "Calliope," Pacific's literature and arts magazine, and "The Pacifican," the official school newspaper. Other activities include workshops, poetry readings and opportunities to meet visiting writers.

### **Degrees in English**

Undergraduate majors may focus their elective courses to emphasize writing, literature, language or film studies.

English courses are offered in the following areas: British and American literature; writing; criticism of literature and allied arts (including film) and English language. Upper-division courses are more specialized or applied than lower-division courses and often presume prior training in the subject.

### **Single Subject Credential in English**

Single Subject students are required to take two upper-division writing courses from one of the following: ENGL 106 (Content Engineering) and ENGL 109 (Professional Communications).

Students interested in pursuing certification to teach English at the secondary school level should consult with the English department credential adviser, Amy Smith.

### **OUTCOMES**

Upon graduation, English majors succeed in satisfying careers in business, research organizations, educational settings, publishing companies, financial institutions, and in the cultural, entertainment, communications and health care industries.

### **DEGREES OFFERED**

Bachelor of Arts

### **MAJORS OFFERED**

English

English with Departmental Honors

### **MINORS OFFERED**

English

Writing

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