

What Can I Do With a Major in...

The English major involves the study of the language itself and its broadest cultural influences, both spoken and written. The major is designed to lay a foundation for careers in writing, teaching, scholarship, and research. The English major also prepares students for positions in the business and professional world where skills in communication, creative, critical, or analytical writing, public relations, editorial skills, advertising, or the like are required.

English majors at Pitt-Bradford take courses in Literature, Foreign Language, Philosophy and Writing. Students design a course of study to suit personal interests and career plans. Students have the opportunity to receive hands-on experience through internships and/or study abroad programs.

REQUIRED SKILLS

- Reading for Tone and Attitude
- Informing and Explaining
- Rewriting and Editing
- Simplifying Jargon
- Accuracy
- Comparing and Summarizing
- Gathering Information
- Analyzing Complex Ideas
- Coherence in Writing and Speech

POSSIBLE EMPLOYERS

- Advertising Agencies
- Publishing Firms
- Magazines
- Corporate Communications
- Educational Institutions
- Museums
- Public Relations Firms
- Trade Publications
- Travel & Tourism Agencies

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Administrative Officer
Advertising
Archivist Book Editor
Book Reviewer
Bookstore Owner
Community Relations Worker
Computer Systems Analyst
Congressional Aide
Copy Editor
Copywriter Critic
Editor
Film Editor

Foreign Services Officer
Freelance Writer
Information Specialist
Interpreter Job Analyst
Journalist Lawyer
Legislative Assistant
Literary Agent
Management
Medical Secretary
Network Story
Personnel Director
Personnel Officer

Proofreader
Public Relations Specialist
Publishing Occupations
Radio/TV Coordinator
Researcher
Speech Writer
Teacher
Technical Writer
Translator
Underwriter
Visual Arts Specialist
Writer

**Some occupations may require additional training, certification and/or education.*

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ENGLISH

University of Pittsburgh at Bradford English Major Curriculum

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Division: Communications & the Arts

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The English major consists of a 120-credit curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Consistent with the overall mission of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, the English major includes a liberal arts general education, much of which is taken during the first two years of study.

Course Requirements in the Major

ENG 0110 Literature and Interpretation
 ENG 0205 Introduction to Shakespeare OR
 THEA 1310 Shakespearean Performances
 CLP 1315 Critical Methods
 ENG 1451 Capstone: English

Foreign language proficiency through and including the intermediate level (or the equivalent)

Six courses (18 credits) from the following list, including at least one course from each group, one course from a period prior to 1800 (indicated with asterisks):

American Literature Survey

ENG 0201* American Literature before the Civil War
 ENG 0202 American Literature since the Civil War
 ENG 1308 20th-Century American Literature

British/European Literature Survey

ENG 0203* British Literature before 1800
 ENG 0204 British Literature after 1800
 ENGL 1306 10th Century Irish Literature

Contemporary World Literature

CLP 0206 Hispanic Literature in Translation
 CLP 0207 Short Fiction in Spanish
 CLP 0216 Modern African Literature: The Novel
 CLP 1310 Post-Colonial Literature and theory
 CLP 1350 Latina Writers

Western Foundations (cannot count as pre-1800)

ENG 0105 Masterpieces of World Literature
 PHIL 0101 Introduction to Philosophy

Literature Electives (12 hours)

Select 4 courses from English, Writing, or Comparative Literature. At least 9 credits from all of the credits counting toward the major (in addition to capstone and critical methods) must be taken at the 1300 or 1400 level. Three of those credits may include ENG 1499 Internship.

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR MAJOR: 42-51

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Council of Teachers of English

Modern Language Association

Sigma Tau Delta international English Honors Society

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www.mla.org

www.english.org

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National association of Independent Schools

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www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx