

ENGLISH

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, CULTURES AND WRITING
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS



WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ENGLISH DEGREE?

You can work as a grant writer, technical writer, editor, web-content strategist, librarian or teacher; or take up additional career options in publishing, law, government, business and higher education. According to national research on employer demands for employees, being fluent in writing, communication, collaboration, organization and critical thinking are in the top ten most desired skills in both non-profit and for-profit businesses. Recent research also reveals that many medical and law schools prefer English majors who complement their studies with pre-med and pre-law preparation. Powerful writers, readers, speakers and thinkers will always have the edge in professional and personal work in a global community.

ENGLISH AT SRU

Whether selecting the Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in English, students will prepare themselves for their futures by becoming articulate writers and high-level readers and thinkers capable of bringing together both academic and hands-on experiences in their professional and personal futures. English at SRU is an integrated program where professional writing students also try their hand at creative writing and publication design, creative writers formalize their training in grant and health care writing, and literature majors engage in professional internships. This premier program cultivates research and scholarship grounded in the expectations and needs of daily life.

WHY CHOOSE ENGLISH AT SRU?

- 1. Experiences in Print and Digital Publication and Design:** Students may work as editors and staff members on one of several magazines to learn about manuscript selection, organizational management, copy editing, proofreading, layout, and design. Students can work for the national literary magazine SLAB, The Roxy, RockScissorsPaper, or Pebblenest. SLAB publishes creative writing from well-known and emerging artists; The Roxy celebrates student work in film studies; RockScissorsPaper gives students digital writing publication experience; and Pebblenest publishes writing by first-year students.
- 2. Travel-Abroad Experiences:** Life-changing academic travel opportunities are offered to students by faculty in the department. Students may choose to travel to Italy, Stratford (Canada), or England (London).
- 3. Online Writing Portfolio:** All students are asked to develop a writing portfolio. Students are encouraged to work with their advisers in selecting manuscripts to be included.
- 4. Professional Experiences:** The department annually sends students to showcase work at the international Sigma Tau Delta conference in cities like Portland, Minneapolis and Louisville, as well as supports student networking at AWP, the national creative writing convention. Students are also supported in their statewide presentations at the English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities. Faculty guide students in presentation preparation through direct instruction, abstract writing sessions and peer presentation at the annual on-campus research colloquium.
- 5. Scholarships and Internships:** The department offers monetary support through several scholarship opportunities, and advisers also work closely with students to acquire applied internships.

MAJORS

- English Literature w/ a concentration in Language and Literature (BA)
- English Literature w/ a concentration in Literary, Film, and Cultural Studies (BA)
- English Writing w/ a concentration in Creative Writing (BS)
- English Writing w/ a concentration in Professional Writing (BS)

MINORS AND CERTIFICATE

- Minor in Film and Media Studies
- Minor in Literature
- Minor in Writing
- Certificate in Creative Writing and Book Arts

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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SRU English students have completed internships in various locations including:

- Butler County Humane Society
- The Carnegie Science Center
- Center for Public Humanities at SRU
- Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
- The Heinz History Museum
- Pennsylvania House of Representatives
- Pittsburgh Magazine
- Slippery Rock Community Library
- Slippery Rock Economic Development Committee
- Smithsonian National Postal Museum
- Thomas Merton Center

CAREER OUTCOMES

While many SRU English majors will continue their education after earning their bachelor's degree, graduates of the department have secured careers in the following areas:

- Content Manager, The Nature Conservancy
- Content Marketer, Berner International
- Content Strategist, Google—San Francisco
- Director of Eldercare, Allegheny Health Network—Pittsburgh
- Library Director, Bedford County Library
- Content Strategist, Heinz History Museum
- Development Associate, WQED Multimedia
- Professor, Grove City College; University of Toledo; Oregon State University
- Department Chair and Teacher, Wilmington School District
- ESL Instructor, Bahrain

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Pebblest
- RockScissorsPaper: Online literary magazine
- Sigma Tau Delta International English Honorary
- SLAB: Award-winning, student-run literary magazine
- The Roxy



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

The department offers an Alumni Speaks series where undergraduates have an opportunity to network with successful alumni.

Jenna Moses, '20

Technical Writer, UPMC Health Systems

Mallory Angelucci, '19 (BA), '21 (MA)

*Technical Writer and Editor,
Naval Nuclear Laboratory*

Kelsey Juszczak, '18

Content Marketer, Berner International

Emma Neely, '17

Development Specialist, National Hemophilia

Ashley Cook, '14

ESL Instructor, Bahrain

Matt Godissart, '12

Library Director, Bedford County Library

Autumn Moss, '07

Director of Eldercare, Allegheny Health Network

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