



program

The Department of English at Slippery Rock University offers undergraduate majors and minors in the study of literature, language, writing and film. The curriculum focuses on a number of areas involving literature, film, linguistics and technical, business, and creative writing. Literature students may pursue their interests through literary analysis and interpretation, literary theory, ethics, and multicultural literatures. Writing majors develop their skills through creative and professional tracks. English majors develop skills which lead to career paths in law, public relations, journalism, technical writing, advertising, government, business, publishing, and teaching.

Being an English major means opening your mind, learning to analyze and to synthesize texts, and communicating effectively through speaking and writing. But perhaps one of the best elements of all is being introduced to a wide range of genres such as fiction, poetry, drama, nonfiction, biography, and interpretative essays.

teaching certification

Teacher certification in English and related subjects is earned through successful completion of the BSED in English Education program. Students majoring in this program are enrolled in the College of Education, which is primarily responsible for their academic advisement. Required credits (42) in the specialization are obtained through courses offered in the Department of English.

Majors and Minors

Majors:

- English Education (BSED)
[refer to Secondary Education]
- Language and Literature Track (BA)
- English Literature-
Literary+Cultural Studies Track (BA)
- English Writing-Creative Track (BS)
- English Writing-Professional Track (BS)

Minors:

- Film and Media Studies
- Literature
- Writing

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career opportunities

Graduates are qualified and prepared for the variety of professional positions available to English majors in teaching, publishing, advertising, organizational and freelance writing, radio, television, politics, sales, and professional schools such as law or management.

The opportunities for English majors include a wide range from professional writing to careers in the law and medical fields. Recent research shows many law and medical schools show preference toward English majors and minors (with appropriate pre-law and pre-med preparation) over many others. Corporations also seek English majors for beginning managerial positions. The ability to write and speak well, understand and apply literary theory, and organize one's thoughts displays a great level of versatility that can lead to a variety of careers.



organizations

- SLAB Literary Magazine:
SRU's student run literary publication
(<http://academics.sru.edu/slabilmag/index.htm>)
- Sigma Tau Delta (<http://www.english.org>)
- The Modern Language Association
(<http://www.mla.org>)
- The Linguistic Society of America
(<http://www.lsadc.org>)
- The National Council for Teachers of English (<http://www.ncte.org>)



additional information

One of the most pressing questions students ask is “Can I get a job with an English degree?” The answer is YES! A major in English will provide you with sensitivity to language, literature, ideas and cultures, and will help you bring a variety of talents to the work force. A common misconception is that having an English degree will allow you to become only a novelist, poet, or teacher. Many English majors choose these paths of course, but there are many more career options. An English major will teach you to communicate orally and in writing, to do research and to think critically. A degree in English will provide you with a number of career opportunities such as:

Freelance Writing (columnist, critic)

Law (investigator, attorney)

Publishing (developer, editor, proofreader)

Advertising/Sales

Teaching (high school or college)

Radio/Television (script/screenwriting)

Each one of these fields opens up other possibilities. Publishing, in particular, can lead to a number of different jobs, whether you are interested in business, design, or technology. For more information, check out our web site.

internships

- Carnegie Science Center
- Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh
- College Power
- Dorrance Publishing
- House of Representatives
- KDKA Television
- Lee Shore Agency/Sterling House Publishing
- Pittsburgh Magazine
- Pittsburgh Pirates
- Slippery Rock Economic Development Committee



the writing center

The Writing Center provides an environment for students to receive responses to their writing and gain insight about the writing process as a whole. Qualified tutors collaborate with student writers, working with them to address their particular concerns. All students in all disciplines are welcome.

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