



Bachelor of Arts in English

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Why study English at Cal State Fullerton?

The major in English provides students with the skills necessary to succeed in a wide range of professions. At Cal State Fullerton students are taught by faculty members with advanced degrees from prestigious universities. Although they are heavily involved in scholarly research, our faculty members are primarily interested in the development of our students. In addition, a wide range of electives, from fantasy fiction to Asian literature, complement a major that prepares students for many career opportunities, in and out of education. Students also have the advantage of a flexible program—classes are scheduled during the day and evening, and a number of courses are offered at the Mission Viejo campus.

What is an English major?

The discipline of English includes the study of British and American literature; the various kinds of writing; and the history, structure and dialects of the English language. Our major offers a flexible program emphasizing skill in expository, creative and professional writing; familiarity with and appreciation of the literatures of England, America and other English-speaking countries; and knowledge of the nature and development of the English language.

What career opportunities are available?

The study of literature and language helps students to achieve a mature understanding of themselves and the world, develop critical and analytical reading skills, write clearly and persuasively, and acquire sound reasoning skills. For these reasons, our program provides ideal preparation for professional training in fields such as law, medicine and religion, or for responsible positions in business, industry and government. The major in English may be combined with preparation for elementary and secondary school teaching. In addition, it can provide a foundation for students who intend to pursue advanced degrees in preparation for teaching at the college level.

What requirements are needed for the major?

All students must complete a total of 42 units in addition to English 101 or its equivalent. At least 30 units must be upper-division courses. In selecting courses, students are urged to consult a faculty member of the Department of English and Comparative Literature.

Required Courses (9 units)

- English 300 Analysis of Literary Forms (3)
- English 301 Advanced College Writing (3)
- English 316 Shakespeare (3)

Survey Courses (at least 6 units)

Choose from English 311, 312, 321, 322 or Comp Lit 324 and 325.

Period, Genre and Criticism Courses (at least 9 units)

Students must take at least 3 units from courses prior to 1800, i.e., English 423, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455 or 456. The remaining 6 units may be chosen from English 457, 458, 459, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 491 and 492.

Major Author Courses (at least 3 units) - Choose from English 315 and 317.

Language Courses (at least 3 units) - Choose from English 303, 305 and 440.

Electives (at least 12 units) - Choose from English and Comparative Literature courses numbered 201 and above.

The Minor in English

Students must complete a total of 21 units, including 15 units of required courses and survey courses and six units of electives. In selecting courses, students seeking a minor in English should consult a faculty member of the Department of English and Comparative Literature. Specific requirements for the minor are listed in the University catalog.

Is there a teaching credential program?

Students who plan to seek admission to the teaching credential program in English should seek advisement from the Department's English Education Coordinator. Admission requirements include completion of the major, including English 300, 301, 311, 312, 321, 322; three period courses; 315 or 317; 303 and 305; one cross-cultural literature course; and one literature elective.

Do transfer courses apply toward the degree?

Many courses will transfer as general education classes, and many literature courses taken at a two-year college will transfer as lower-division electives (up to 12 units). In addition, British, American and world literature survey courses taken at a community college will meet our major survey requirements. Consult your college's articulation document for specifics.

What special programs are available?

The Department of English and Comparative Literature operates a Writing Assistance Center, which provides tutorial help and computer facilities to students enrolled in English Department writing courses. The Center employs graduate and advanced undergraduate students as tutors and teaching assistants in the Developmental Writing Program. English majors also have opportunities to gain practical experience in applying their studies professionally in English 498, English Internship, which allows them to earn course credit for work performed on the job in private industries and public institutions in the surrounding community.

In addition, the Department also sponsors a series of lectures by notable authors and scholars whose visits to the campus often include occasions for meetings with small groups of students. For information about any of these special programs, inquire in the department office.

What scholarships and awards are available?

The Department offers awards for academic excellence in English Studies, in Comparative Literature Studies, and in Graduate Studies. The Department also recognizes outstanding student service with undergraduate and graduate service awards.

What student activities are available?

Sigma Tau Delta, the international English Honor Society, is open to undergraduate students with a 3.0 GPA in English courses. The CSUF chapter maintains an active schedule of events, including readings, creative writing workshops, guest speakers, conferences, films, field trips, and social activities. *Sigma Tau Delta* also sponsors a commencement reception to honor its members. Events are open to all students and are publicized by notices on bulletin boards.

The Acacia Group is the Department's graduate student organization, which is open to all graduate students in English and Comparative Literature. Monthly meetings feature guest speakers who make scholarly presentations or provide practical advice on topics such as the master's examination, career opportunities and doctoral programs. In addition, the group sponsors an annual Graduate Student Conference, which solicits scholarly papers from English and Comparative Literature graduate students throughout the California State University system. The *Acacia Group* also sponsors a reception for graduates receiving their master's degrees in English and Comparative Literature at graduation. The group raises funds for its activities through an annual book sale and through funds solicited from the CSUF Student Government's Department Activities Council; the group acts as the English Department representative to the Council as well.

The As You Like It Shakespeare Society holds monthly meetings that feature guest speakers and/or discussions of Shakespeare's works. The group coordinates theater excursions, film viewings, conference attendance and other

Shakespeare-related activities. In addition, the organization publishes a quarterly newsletter, which prints student contributions of reviews, interviews, and news associated with Shakespeare; and an annual journal, which publishes student-authored poetry and essays on Shakespeare and his works. Membership in the Society is open to undergraduate students, graduate students, alumni, staff and faculty of CSUF. The Society's Website is <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/8438>.

Information about each of these organizations is available in the Department office.

Where can I receive academic advisement?

Students are encouraged to consult a faculty member of the Department of English and Comparative Literature in selecting courses. An annual conference with a faculty adviser is required of all majors. New students must confer with an adviser in each of the first two semesters. All full-time faculty members serve as advisers. Advisement is available year-round.

How can I learn more?

For general information, please contact the University Outreach Office (University Hall 228, 278-7743). For specific information about the Department of English and Comparative Literature, please contact the Department at University Hall 323, California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, California 92834-9480. Voice: (714) 278-3163; Fax: (714) 278-5954; website: <http://hss.fullerton.edu/English/index.htm>.