

Bachelor of Arts English

INFORMATION

As an English major at Cleveland State University, you will benefit from small classes taught by outstanding faculty, many of whom may become your mentors as you work through the program.

Student organizations include *Whiskey Island* (creative writing magazine), *The Cauldron*, *The Cleveland Stater*, and the *Vindicator* (newspapers). Additionally, the Poetry Center hosts readings and workshops for students led by distinguished Cleveland and visiting writers.

Marketable Skills

The skills you will develop as an English major will serve you well in the twenty-first century marketplace. A survey of employers indicates that they seek employees who have strong skills in communication, critical thinking and problem-solving. As an English major, you will learn to identify and formulate questions and problems, to conduct research in pursuit of solutions, and to present your answers effectively orally and in writing. An undergraduate degree in English is also an excellent foundation for a professional degree in many fields, including communications,

education, law, medicine and business administration.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

What is the practical value of majoring in English? Your options are many, and below are listed just some of the job titles you might explore: account executive, administrator, attorney, author, bank officer, book critic, business manager, circulation assistant, college professor, columnist, communications manager, copywriter, creative writer, curator, desktop publisher, editor, education and training specialist, foreign correspondent, fundraiser, greeting card writer, human resource specialist, indexer, insurance agent, interpreter and translator, journalist, lobbyist, manager, marketing and public relations specialist, proofreader, teacher (all levels), publisher, speech writer, stock broker, technical writer, web designer and developer and many others. Many famous people were English majors; take a look at the following list:

Mario Cuomo, former Governor of New York

Kathryn Fuller, CEO, World Wildlife Fund

Garrison Keillor, Radio Personality and Writer

Toni Morrison, novelist

Paul Newman, actor, food entrepreneur

Sally Ride, astronaut

Diane Sawyer, broadcast journalist

Marty Shottenheimer, NFL coach

Carol Story, Cleveland State English Alumna, Producer, CBS News, (NY)

Clarence Thomas, Supreme Court Justice

Barbara Walters, broadcast journalist

A degree in English can lead to a rewarding and fulfilling career—the only limits are your imagination.

PROGRAM

The **minimum** hours required for the major are 40; for the minor 16.

Students may choose from four different concentrations: Literature, Creative Writing, K-12 Language Arts Licensure, and Multicultural/Multiethnic Literature. Please see an advisor in the Department of English to select a concentration.

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Suggested Sequence for the English Major:

A total number of 128 hours are required for the B.A. in English. A total of 40 hours are required for the English major. All degree seeking students are required to complete a specific number of General Education (GenEd) courses. Students are responsible for ensuring the appropriate selection of courses to satisfy GenEd requirements and are encouraged to consult with their academic advisor regarding the applicability of selected courses. A comprehensive description of Cleveland State University's General Education Requirements for undergraduate students is available online at <http://www.csuohio.edu/academic/gened>.

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
ENG 100 Intensive College Writing OR	3	ENG 102 College Writing II	3
ENG 101 College Writing I	3		
Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
ENG 240 Introduction to Poetry	4	ENG 241 Introduction to Fiction and Drama	4
ENG 321 British Literature I	4	ENG 322 British Literature II	4
Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester	
ENG 342 Survey of American Literature	4	ENG 350 Studies in Fiction	4
		ENG 372 Shakespeare's Tragedies and History Plays	4
Seventh Semester		Eighth Semester	
ENG 347 Studies in African-American Literature	4	ENG 495 Senior Seminar	4
ENG 363 Gender Issues in Literature	4		

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