

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

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Department Website (<http://www.cas.sc.edu/engl/>)

Studying English provides students with adaptable skills for a changing world: reading carefully, communicating clearly and thinking creatively. These skills are essential for careers in education, communications, law and the arts, and they are highly prized in a wide range of fields, including business, medicine and health care, and the booming sectors of digital media and information technology.

Whether a major, second major or minor, an English degree equips students for jobs that value critical thinking, clear and compelling writing, sharp analysis and the effective communication of ideas.

The Department of English offers the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English, with four distinct tracks:

- The general major offers students broad and diverse knowledge in literary and cultural studies, plus advanced skills in writing and critical analysis.
- The writing concentration lets students hone their skills as creative and/or professional writers.
- Students interested in teaching secondary education may choose the track culminating in the B.A. in English with an optional master's in teaching degree in the fifth year.
- The intensive major is ideal for those planning to pursue graduate study in English or a related field.

The department also offers minors in English, creative writing, professional writing and communication, and speech communication.