



DEPARTMENT OF

ENGLISH

You may have come to English because you've grown up with a book in your hand, or perhaps you have a gift for stringing words together, or maybe you love to analyze fiction from the late 19th century. Regardless of your reasons, we promise our faculty are committed to journeying with you in learning how to read closely and carefully, write cogently, research effectively, and think analytically. These four skills are needed more now than ever in all fields of inquiry. In fact, most professionals – whether they land in business, medicine, or science – will spend approximately 35-50% of their time writing – writing correspondence, reports, research, presentations, proposals, white papers, summaries, and so on.

Couple these four abilities with an abiding testimony of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ and you'll become like many of our other graduates who are making their way as competent citizens, lifelong learners, premier professionals, and devoted disciples of the Lord. We want nothing less than to prepare you for life beyond BYU-Idaho. And when you've finished your sojourn here, we hope you can look back on your time with us as one of the greatest seasons of your life.

During your freshman year we invite you to take our introductory gateway classes: English 251 and English 314. These courses build upon each other, so take 251 one semester and 314 the next. Doing so will prepare you for your later academic work of 33 core and 18 elective English credits. See these two sites which discuss in greater detail English core and elective credit requirements:

<https://www.byui.edu/english/advising/core-requirements>

<https://www.byui.edu/english/advising/general-english-electives>



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Dear Friends,

Greetings and welcome to BYU-Idaho! We are thrilled that you've chosen this university, and we celebrate that you've decided to major or minor in English. We offer three majors in our department: English (630), English Education (836), and English Education Composite (830). We also offer two minors: English (133) and English Education (134). Please visit this site to see which English major or minor is right for you:

<https://www.byui.edu/english/advising>

As an English major or minor, you'll also have opportunities outside of the classroom to learn. Consider these possibilities:

1. Be a participant on the British Literary Tour
2. Present your writing at the National Undergraduate Literature Conference (NULC).
3. Submit your creative work to Outlet: The BYU-Idaho Art and Literary Journal.
4. Attend the Pre-Professional Conference (PPC).
5. Network with fellow students and faculty in the English Academic Society (EAS).
6. Obtain real world experience via an internship.
7. Apply to become a teaching assistant (TA).
8. Read classic books as part of The Big Read.
9. Participate in a Student Writing Retreat.
10. And so much more ... (see our department webpage for more details regarding these activities:
<https://www.byui.edu/english/student-opportunities>)

And of course, graduate programs – such as law, public administration, business, and medicine – hunger for English majors because they know you have the skills necessary to communicate and think critically about our complex and beautiful world.

In preparation for employment, we encourage our students to take advantage of internship opportunities and earn credit at the same time. Internships allow you to network and build relationships with other professionals. Internships also leverage your ability to land coveted jobs and prepare you to work in teams and on your own. If you're interested in pursuing an internship, please contact Sam Head (heads@byui.edu), the English Department's Internship Coordinator. You can also learn more about internships by visiting the following website:
<https://www.byui.edu/internships>

May you feel the satisfaction that comes from studying the written word. May your experience here be one of great learning and supernal joy. Above all, may you know we're here to help you not just find a career but to create a meaningful life!

With best wishes for your success,

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You may be wondering too, what can I do with a degree in English? Perhaps the proper question is, what can't I do with an English degree? The beauty and terror of majoring in English is that the field is wide open. If you study nursing, you know you'll become a nurse at the end of your four years. However, if you study English you have lots of options in front of you. Here's a sampling of potential career moves:

- Digital Copywriter
- Communications Officer
- Social Media Manager
- PR Writer
- Professor
- Search Engine Marketer
- Copy Editor
- Book Coach
- Advertiser
- Managing Editor
- Technical Writer
- Corporate Blogger
- Marketing Director
- Grant & Proposal Writer
- Paralegal
- Event Planner
- Market Researcher

BYU-Idaho Campus Map

You will find the English faculty and English Department office in Rigby Hall.

English classes are found in almost any building on campus

