

## What is the study of English?

The academic study of English literature allows us to understand relationships between various works of literature, from antiquity to the middle ages to modern and contemporary periods. You will analyze key themes of noteworthy literary works, learn to identify and understand stylistic features of specific works of fiction and defining characteristics of various time periods, literary movements, and geographic regions. As an English major, you will also develop strong writing, reading, written communication and critical thinking skills that will later benefit you in the workplace and beyond.

## Which Degree do I Begin with?

You will want to complete the Associate in Arts and Sciences Direct Transfer Agreement degree (AASDTA) at BC.

Once students transfer to a university, they may pursue English as a major, culminating in a Bachelor of Arts degree.

## What Are Some Common Prerequisites that I'll Need to Take Here?

Every university and major concentration will require slightly different prerequisites. It is **highly recommended** that you speak with a representative at the target university in conjunction with an academic advisor here at BC to ensure that you are taking the proper courses. Double-checking requirements is as easy as going to the university department website. Below is a general guide to the courses **recommended** and the areas of study they fulfill on the DTA for students interested in a English major (this is not an official list):

Written Communication	Mathematics	Major Specific	Other	Recommended Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English&amp; 101†</li> <li>English 201 OR</li> <li>English 271</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Math 107† OR</li> <li>Math 138</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English 237—238</li> <li>English 247—248</li> <li>English 253—254</li> <li>English 111, 221</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English 200 level literature courses</li> <li>CMST 216</li> <li>DRMA 141</li> <li>History courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural and Ethnic Studies</li> <li>Communications</li> <li>Philosophy</li> </ul>

†: Recommended during the first year of study.

### Important notes about class selection above:

- Bellevue College offers several sets of courses that will allow you to focus on, and hone your skills in a specific style of writing—English 237-238-239 focus on fiction writing, English 247-248-249 focus on poetry writing, and English 253-254-255 focus on non-fiction writing. The English 237 and 247 series courses are suggested for students interested in pursuing a creative writing emphasis as part of an English major.
- English literature classes at BC cover a wide variety of literary movements throughout history. Topics vary by quarter. These courses are recommended for prospective English majors, as they will give you practice using quote-based evidence to prove arguments on key works of literature.
- 100 and 200-Level Writing Courses:** While helpful for delving into the major, some universities (including UW), limit these courses. At UW, only 10 credits of fiction or poetry writing apply toward the Creative Writing option within the English major.
- Math:** Do not delay taking your math coursework. For those who do not wish to continue with math after fulfilling the requirement, Math 107 is advised. Math 138 is also a fine option.

Check your degree progress!

Log into degree audit at:

<http://bellevuecollege.edu/>

### Course Planning Notes

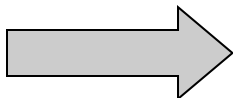
Use the space below to write down a course sequence for this school year. Remember to maintain balance each quarter (i.e. try not to take all sciences or all writing-based classes in a single quarter). Also, keep in mind that 12 credit hours or more is considered full time; make sure to balance class load with your personal and/or work life. This is not an official educational plan— you should see an academic advisor if you have questions about course selection.

SUMMER		FALL		WINTER		SPRING	
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## Beyond BC with a English Degree!

Students majoring in English gain strong reading, writing, editing, communication, interpersonal, critical thinking and analytics skills that will ultimately help students become assets to any work setting. Strong verbal and written communication skills, as well as the ability to pay strong attention to details are some of the key outcomes of earning a degree in English. Employers often list “clear written communication skills as one of the top desirable skills that they look for when hiring. Therefore, English majors can be found in pretty much any field where there is a need for presenting information through writing. Studying English can prepare students for careers as educators, professional writers, magazine editors, public relations specialists, lawyers, nonprofit workers, and a strong educational foundation and preparation for further study at the graduate level.

**Select Washington universities which offer a degree in English.**



**Central Washington University  
Eastern Washington University  
Evergreen State College  
Gonzaga University  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Saint Martin’s University  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seattle University  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Washington  
Washington State University  
Western Washington University  
Whitman College  
Whitworth University**

## Here’s the Scoop! Considerations for this Major:

- Programs will differ from university to university; for example, some will not offer an emphasis in Creative Writing.
- Know the school’s admission requirements, expectations, deadlines, and areas of specialization.
- Attend the information sessions offered by the universities.
- Most universities have admission and exit foreign language policies. Since an English major will almost always appear within colleges of Arts and Sciences or Humanities within universities, and will often require some foreign language classes in order to graduate.
- Apply to more than one university and have more than one back-up plan.
- Participate in internships, field experience, faculty-student research (usually during undergraduate studies) or volunteer for service learning opportunities. Begin thinking about how you will apply your strong writing, editing, researching, and critical reasoning skills outside the university setting.
- Consider writing for the Watchdog (Bellevue College student newspaper) or your chosen university’s school newspaper or literary magazine. Work as a tutor in the writing lab if you would like to assist others with their writing
- Take courses in other arts, humanities and social sciences, disciplines, such as history, communications, cultural and ethnic studies, languages, sociology, and philosophy to broaden your understanding of key literary works throughout history.

## Who To Contact for more Information:

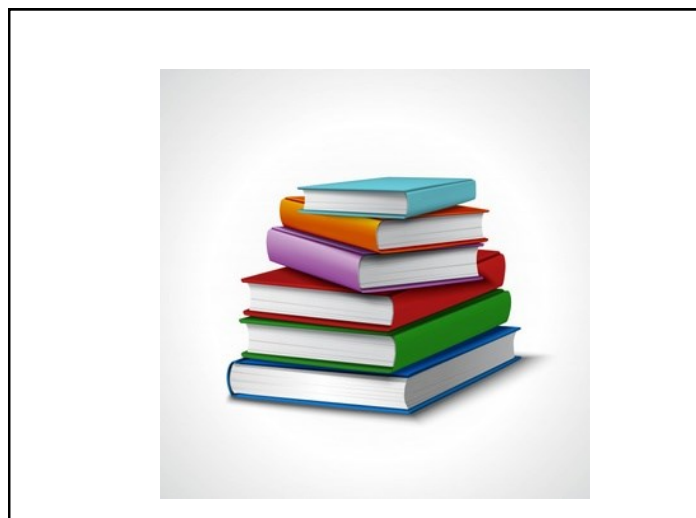
Bellevue College has a variety of friendly faces and resources to help you plan and register for classes.

**New to Bellevue College?** Connect with BC’s Welcome Center via [www.bellevuecollege.edu/welcome/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/welcome/) or email [welcome@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:welcome@bellevuecollege.edu)

**Currently Taking Classes?** Connect with the Academic Advising Department via [www.bellevuecollege.edu/advising/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/advising/) or call 425-564-2212.

English is part of the Arts and Humanities division. In order to make an appointment with an academic or faculty advisor, call **425-564-2341** or **425-564-2212**

**Looking for specific Career Information?** Connect with the Center for Career Connections via [www.bellevuecollege.edu/careers/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/careers/) or call **425-564-2279**.



**This is an unofficial guide only, designed to prepare students for entry into Washington State programs. It is the student’s responsibility to research and communicate with all community college and university programs to which he/she intends to apply to establish prerequisites and admission requirements, as they vary and are subject to change without notice.**

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