BALL STATE UNIVERSITY ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ENGLISH MAJOR?

CAREER OPTIONS

The abilities developed in the English department have never been more imperative. Our students gain advanced skills in writing, reading, and interpretation that are increasingly in demand. We prepare aspiring scholars of all kinds who understand the cultural place and importance of a wide variety of texts. Professional and creative command of the English language is essential for virtually every professional field. Above all, those who study English want to excel by immersing themselves in the myriad uses of the English language.

A recent Ball State English Department Alumni Survey found many of our former students working in the publishing industry as editors, technical writers, and freelance writers. Additionally, our alumni are employed in a variety of fields as business managers, convention directors, librarians, public relations managers, and program or communication directors for corporations, cultural organizations, book stores, and non-profit organizations.

English majors are often asked if they are going to teach after they graduate. In fact, nearly half of the students currently enrolled in Ball State University's English Department are planning to pursue licensure in secondary education. They will go on to fulfilling careers teaching in middle schools and high schools throughout the state and the nation. Some English majors have also gone to teach English abroad in Ecuador, Costa Rica, Poland, Germany, Morocco, France, Japan, and China.

Many students who earn degrees in English also go on to earn advanced degrees. Our former students have earned graduate degrees in a variety of fields, like English, Law, Journalism, Library Science, Speech Pathology, School Counseling, Student Affairs and Administration.

MAJORS

Creative Writing • English Education • English Studies • Literature • Rhetoric and Writing

MINORS

Creative Writing • Film/Screenwriting • Linguistics • Literature • Professional Writing and Emerging Media

SEE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

We have a running archive of material where English department graduates detail their accomplishments in a variety of career fields. To see our alumni posts and find out where the English major can take you, visit our website at bsu.edu/english and click on "Life After Ball State." And to find new alumni posts and keep up with the department, check out our blog at bsuenglish.wordpress.com.

OUR RESOURCES

Awards and Scholarships

The Broken Plate Literary Magazine

Engaged Faculty and Students

Small Class Sizes

Visiting Writers Series

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Director of English Programs
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STUDY WITH EXEMPLARY FACULTY IN A CREATIVE ENVIRONMENT

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Our professors are dedicated to creating stimulating classes in a supportive environment. All classes have no more than 25 students, so your instructors will know you by name. Our faculty are active in their creative and scholarly disciplines and publish extensively in their fields.

VIBRANT STUDENT GROUPS

Writers' Community
Readers and writers meet weekly to share original or inspiring creative works. They also conduct frequent public readings and organize the Writers Gala, an annual judged competition with prizes.

English Education Club
The English Education club is a student-lead club that helps students develop skills needed in teaching and provides information for successfully completing the education program.

PRESTIGIOUS VISITING WRITERS

Marilyn K. Cory Speaker Series
A series of talks and panels in English Studies, designed to appeal to a wide audience.

In Print Festival of First Books
Featuring three newly minted authors and a publishing professional for two days of class visits, readings, and panel discussions.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

Midwest Writers Workshop
Students have the opportunity to professionalize themselves by attending or interning at this annual event that gathers aspiring writers, faculty, editors, and agents.

New York Arts Program
Undergraduates spend a semester as professional interns in New York in this off-campus internship program administered by Ohio Wesleyan University.

Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry
English faculty and students often participate in interdisciplinary immersive seminars at the Virginia B. Ball Center. Guided by faculty, students take the lead in developing a major project for a community partner.

CURRICULAR INNOVATION

The Broken Plate
Ball State's award-winning, international literary journal is edited by students in ENG 489 (Practicum in Literary Editing and Publishing), a year-long immersive learning course. Undergraduate English students steer every aspect of publication.

Creative Writing in the Community
In English 409 (Creative Writing in the Community), students assist young writers in the community to develop original creative works which are presented in a public reading and in a published anthology.

Cinema Entertainment Immersion (CEI)
This unique interdisciplinary program brings together students from English, Theater, TCOM, and Music to produce original short films. Students enrolled in the Fall Semester sections of English 410 (Advanced Screenwriting) write the scripts.

Digital Literature Review (DLR)
Students conduct an in-depth study of a selected topic in literature and cultural studies; then, they produce an issue of *DLR*, an online journal of undergraduate scholarship that includes the work of students from Ball State and other universities from around the world. Students are responsible for conducting the research, selecting and editing the work, maintaining a blog and social media campaign to promote the journal, and organizing a creative event to unveil the most recent issue.

THRIVING ARTS SCENE

Ball State, widely known for its music, theater, telecommunications, and arts programs, has a vibrant community of students, scholars, and artists who enjoy a boundless variety of cultural events. Choose from concerts by internationally known artists at Emens Auditorium, dynamic exhibitions at the David Owsley Museum of Art, Broadway performances at the University Theatre, and many international and cross-cultural events.