

# ENGLISH MAJOR

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The goals of the English major are to develop:

- an ability to write clear, coherent, organized, and persuasive prose
- an ability to read closely and interpret literary and other cultural texts (including poetry, fiction, and drama)
- an ability to connect the analysis of texts to appropriate historical and other contexts
- a knowledge of literary genres and appropriate use of critical terminology
- a knowledge of literary theory and its relevance to literary analysis
- an awareness of different periods of literary history, from the medieval period to the contemporary
- an awareness that there are a variety of critical approaches to literary and cultural texts
- an awareness of the range of perspectives and aesthetic traditions within English literature, including ones previously considered marginal to the canon

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## CIP Code

23.0101 - English Language and Literature, General.

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