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The English program offers multiple sections of transfer-level and developmental writing courses to give students the writing skills to succeed in college, to write in the workplace, and to meet university transfer requirements. We also have developmental and college-level reading and vocabulary courses, some of which can be completed at the student's own pace in the college Learning Resource Center.



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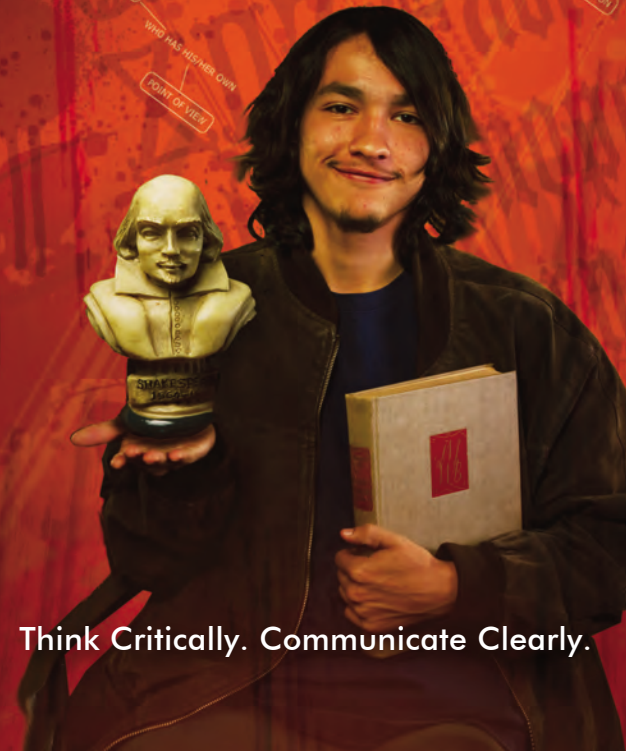
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ENGLISH PROGRAM



Think Critically. Communicate Clearly.

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THE ENGLISH PROGRAM AT OXNARD COLLEGE

The study of literature trains students to think critically and communicate effectively. English majors analyze texts—poems, stories, novels, essays, and other literary works—and find new ways to understand them. This analytic skill can be applied on the job, as can the superior writing skills English majors are famous for.

English majors also tend to be passionate about their education, and an English degree signals to employers that a job candidate cares about more than just money. It signals one's appreciation for the value of literature as an expression of our humanity.

*Fill your paper with the
breathings of your heart.*

~ William Wordsworth

WHY ENGLISH & LITERATURE?

Students can take the full range of literature survey courses required to transfer as an English major at our local public universities: CSUCI, UCSB, CSUN, UCLA. Students who want to study great literature in English, but who aren't English majors, have the option of parallel sections of the English and American literature survey courses. And we regularly schedule a variety of courses in creative writing and literature.

Many English majors further their education by pursuing a Master of Arts degree or Ph.D. in English or in other related fields, including Law and Medicine. If you love literature, are creative, know how to write, and love to think analytically, you may find a major in English to be a rewarding endeavor.



REQUIRED COURSES

The English program offers a wide variety of courses in reading, writing, and literature, leading to the degree of Associate in Arts. Students are able to cover great English Literature and non-English majors can take sections of the English and American literature survey courses. There is also a variety of elective courses offered for English majors in creative writing, literature, and cinema.

Associate in Arts Degree

- ENGL R102 Critical Thinking through Composition and Literature 3 units
- ENGL R104 English Literature I - 3 units
- ENGL R105 English Literature II - 3 units
- ENGL R107 American Literature I 3 units
- ENGL R108 American Literature II 3 units

Total Core Units 15

Additional Required Courses

Complete six additional units from the following:

- COMM R101 Introduction to Oral Communication 3 units
- ENGL R103 Creative Writing 3 units
- ENGL R111 Shakespeare 3 units
- ENGL R112 Literature by Women 3 units
- ENGL R130 Fundamentals of Screenwriting 3 units
- ENGL R131 Cinema: A Literary View 3 units
- ENGL R132 Cinema: History and Culture 3 units

Total Required Units 21



THE POTENTIAL JOB MARKET

A background in English can lead to a professional career in several fields. And, while there are some entry-level job opportunities available with an associate degree, many careers require a bachelor degree. Career opportunities include Publishing, Advertising, Marketing, Writing, Editing, Journalism, Public Relations, Law, Teaching and Business.

English majors also have an opportunity to help make a difference on a global level. As English is currently the international language, those who understand the language well enough to teach it abroad are in high demand. There are several programs that offer opportunities for English graduates to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) in countries all over the world. An English degree with a concentration in teaching ESL can open doors to exciting cross-cultural experiences.