



ENGLISH

English major • English minor • Professional writing minor

Immerse yourself in literature, history and the human condition as a Franklin College English major. Work alongside the department's dedicated teacher-scholars to hone a diverse set of skills valued by employers—deep attention, clear writing, and critical thinking—in one of the college's most exciting intellectual communities.

100%

of our students
complete an internship
or undergraduate
research.

THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Small class sizes and lifelong student-faculty mentorships

The Franklin College English program is known for its small class sizes and close-knit community, empowering students to build personal relationships with their peers and lifelong mentorships with award-winning faculty. Students enjoy the freedom to express new ideas and explore their intellect and creativity. While faculty share their expertise in, and enthusiasm for, literature in all its varieties, every English major investigates a topic of academic interest via independent research, culminating in a senior capstone project. English majors have presented their research at Johns Hopkins University, Butler University, and elsewhere. Recent research topics include:

- Friendship, vulnerability, and the letters of Elizabeth Bishop and Robert Lowell
- Marriage, war, and character in Homer's *Iliad*
- Webs of relationships in the fiction of Toni Morrison and Ling Ma
- Isabella's loss of autonomy in William Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*
- Richard Siskin's *Crush* and the resistance to closure
- Gothic literature and the rhetoric of patriarchy and control

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to learn more



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OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Professional experience and publication opportunities

Each semester, the department orchestrates a variety of on- and off-campus events, including trips to visit historic literary sites, film screenings, open mic nights, and a reading series through which writers from around the country visit our campus for formal readings. Visiting writers have included National Book Award winner Terrance Hayes and Emily Wilson, the first female translator of *The Odyssey*.

To ensure their career readiness, all English majors take a professional development course, complete an internship and work on a communications consulting project for a local nonprofit organization. Recent internships include:

- Working for a law firm
- Event planning
- Developing a literacy program
- Creating digital content for businesses
- Marketing and communications for a nonprofit
- Teaching writing and literature to middle- and high-school students

Majors can also gain professional experience without leaving campus by contributing work to the *Apogee*, the College's student-run literary journal, and consulting in The Write Place, the College's writing center. Regular alumni panels connect students to alumni working across various fields, helping majors build their professional networks and explore career opportunities.

POST-GRADUATION

Limitless professional applications

Employers in every industry are eager to hire great communicators and critical thinkers, two skills English majors bring to any role or company. English majors graduate prepared to excel in both graduate school and any number of industries. Recent alumni have gone on to pursue:

- Business: Marketing, communications, sales, social media management, project management
- Graduate school: English, law, business, library science, divinity
- Nonprofits: Creative and performing arts, philanthropy, management, grant writing
- Writing and Publishing: Creative writing, technical writing, journalism, editing
- Education: Elementary, secondary, and higher education

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

- **Double major:** English majors frequently add a secondary major to create an interdisciplinary skill set. Common additional majors include creative writing, Spanish, business, history, psychology, political science and multimedia journalism.
- **Supplementary minor:** Many English majors pursue a minor to explore additional areas of interest, including accounting, business and environmental science.
- **Department contact information:** Discover more about the program at FranklinCollege.edu/English or contact Professor of English Susan Crisafulli, Ph.D., directly at 317.738.8240 or scrisafulli@FranklinCollege.edu.