

MAJOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

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WHAT WILL YOU LEARN ABOUT IN THIS MAJOR?

The English major helps students learn to read, think, and communicate effectively. English majors at John Jay join an engaged community of students and professors who read, think, talk, and write about literature and ideas that shape the world we live in. By doing so, students learn how to process large amounts of information, understand and solve complex problems, see the world from multiple points of view, and communicate effectually. You can take this invaluable set of skills to a variety of careers and, like millions of other English majors before you, you will thrive.

IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL ■ ■ ■

Analyze novels, poems, plays, films, legal documents, journalism, and theoretical texts.

Engage in lively discussions about literature and ideas that will broaden your perspectives.

Communicate arguments and ideas with clarity and precision.

FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR ■ ■ ■

Lit 230, Lit 231, Lit 232, Lit 233, Lit 236, or Lit 237 (choose one)

Lit 260 Introduction to Literary Study

Lit 300 Text and Context

See further major requirements at:
www.jjay.cuny.edu/english-ba

“The English major at John Jay can do much more than prepare you for useful ends, such as law school. It also creates an educated and well-rounded citizen with a healthy interest in the world.”

— Emilio Herce, Senior

“What makes English such an incredibly enriching major is that it fosters superb analysis and creativity, concise writing and unabashed inquiry, shrewd judgment and thoughtful speech—and not just from a humanitarian perspective, but the whole gamut. All of the English professors whom I have taken are gems in their own right precisely because their love for teaching is infectious and inspiring. It is because I have had such a life-changing experience under the care of the English Department that I am now not only loyal to this Department but also to John Jay College.”

— Jamie Bridgewater, Senior

WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- Summarize, analyze, compare, evaluate, interpret and synthesize ideas.
- Present ideas verbally and in writing: interpret texts, shape information into specific points, develop and support strong arguments.
- Design projects, develop hypotheses, perform research, organize information, and solve problems.

WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

- Philosophy
- Theater Arts
- Political Science
- Human Rights
- Economics
- Africana Studies
- History
- Film Studies
- Gender Studies
- Sustainability and Environmental Justice
- Journalism
- U.S. Latino/a Literature
- Writing

For more information about minors, go to:

www.jjay.cuny.edu/minors-o

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

- *The Quill*, student creative writing journal
- Sigma Tau Delta honor society
- Write for The John Jay Sentinal
- Internships (non-credit)
- Tutor your peers at the Writing Center
- Career Workshops

THIS MAJOR CAN BE A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, BUT SOME POSSIBILITIES TO CONSIDER ARE:

Communications: copy editor, publisher, technical writer, journal editor, event planner, journalist, social media content specialist, broadcast and media coordinator, corporate or non-profit education director, web content manager

Business: retail buyer, advertising executive, sales manager, public relations executive, contract administrator, financial analyst, market researcher, human resources coordinator, account executive

Education/Entertainment: academic advisor, teacher, actor, alumni affairs coordinator, college development specialist, professor, museum administrator/educator or communications specialist, counselor, radio/television/webpage copywriter

Law/Government/Public Sector: district attorney, public defender, chief of police, foreign service officer, intelligence officer/agent, legislative aide, public policy researcher, case manager, paralegal, policy and procedures analyst, politician

For more detailed information on these career ideas and for additional ones, contact:

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