

ENGLISH, B.A. (BEHREND)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Erie

Career Paths

Penn State Behrend encourages practice of your professional skills. As an English major, you can write, edit, photograph, or sell advertising for The Behrend Beacon newspaper, or write, produce, or host a show on BVZ Radio or PSB-TV. Or join the editorial staff of Lake Effect, an international literary journal that publishes poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction. Behrend has a comprehensive support system to help you identify and achieve your goals for college and beyond. Meet with your academic adviser often and take advantage of the services offered by the Academic and Career Planning Center beginning in your first semester.

Careers

An English degree fosters a diverse set of skills that prepare you to thrive in many career fields. These can include education, research, digital media planning, advertising, social media management, professional and technical writing, journalism, publishing, copywriting, public relations, medicine, and law. To help you tailor your degree to your career interests, you'll pursue one of two options within the major: Literature, Film, and Culture or Professional Writing.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE ENGLISH PROGRAM (<https://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/academic-programs/english/>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

A B.A. in English can be the starting point for graduate-level education in ... nearly everything! The critical thinking, research, and interpretive skills you'll learn are valued in any type of post-graduate education. Frequently pursued graduate degrees are the M.F.A. in creative writing, Ph.D. in literature, and teaching certification, but your options are limited only by your imagination. Are you thinking about advanced education in law, advertising, public relations, finance, medicine, journalism, digital media, politics, nonprofit management, the fine arts, counseling, or social work? English can make that happen.

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Professional Resources

- Modern Language Association (<https://www.mla.org/>)
- Association of Departments of English (<https://www.maps.mla.org/About-MAPS/ADE/>)
- National Council of Teachers of English (<https://ncte.org>)
- Association of Writers and Writing Programs (<https://www.awpwriter.org/>)
- Electronic Literature Organization (<https://eliterature.org/>)