ENGLISH, B.A. (BEHREND)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Erie

Program Description
This major offers courses in literary and cultural studies, and in various forms of writing. Students majoring in English may select the Literature or the Professional Writing Option. Both options share a common core of 13 credits and provide a sound foundation in the liberal arts and opportunities to develop creative and analytical skills. Students in the Literature Option select courses from three separate areas—The Canon and Its Critics, Cultural Studies, and Globality and Literature—and develop a broad understanding of the ways in which literature works in various critical and cultural contexts. Students in the Professional Writing Option follow a sequence of courses designed to develop and enhance writing skills in areas directly relevant to business and technical applications.

What is English?
English refers to a broad field of study related to literature, professional writing, creative writing, and rhetoric. Majors develop critical thinking skills and produce influential academic, creative, professional, and digital texts. They learn to analyze genres, texts, and contexts that involve, for instance, race, class, gender, sexuality, and nationality. They also learn how various texts communicate value, meaning, and social and cultural critique.

You Might Like This Program If...
- You like words.
- You enjoy reading, writing, and editing.
- You love a good argument, a good book, a good play, or a good film.
- You're looking for a degree that can lead to many different career paths.