

Approx. program length:

4 years

Credits:

120

Cost per credit:

\$398

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online

Bachelor of Arts in English Degree

Be the creative difference. Immerse yourself in a world of literature, composition and rhetoric with an English degree. You'll prepare for creative opportunities in professional settings, such as public relations or technical or freelance writing.

You'll learn how to:

- Understand written texts and apply rhetorical concepts in a variety of diverse communication situations
- Analyze literature and critically read written communication
- Author expository, persuasive, narrative, and descriptive pieces of writing
- Apply collaborative skills in analysis and composition in order to collectively create a well-written product
- Research authors, historical contexts and theoretical frameworks to deepen comprehension of written works
- Evaluate literary and rhetorical works for quality and purpose
- Contextualize major literary genres, authors, and forms
- Think critically, analyze, collaborate, and communicate effectively

Projected job growth:

8%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

What can you do with a Bachelor of Arts in English?

A BA in English can prepare you to become a:

- Creative writer
- Technical writer

[According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for technical writers is projected to be faster than average between 2018 and 2028.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.

Total credits required:

120

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 120 credits to complete this Bachelor of Arts in English degree. An academic counselor will help you select the courses needed to complete your degree. Your course schedule may vary based on transferable credits or credits earned through the University's Prior Learning Assessment.

16 Core courses

Here's where you'll pick up the bulk of your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in a professional environment.

- ENG/270: LITERARY INTERPRETATION AND ANALYSIS
- ENG/280: RHETORIC AND CRITICAL THINKING
- LIT/255: SURVEY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE TO 1860
- LIT/265: SURVEY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE SINCE 1860
- ENG/230: MECHANICS OF WRITING
- LIT/375: LITERARY THEORY AND CRITICISM
- WRIT/320: ADVANCED COMPOSITION FOR THE ENGLISH MAJOR
- LIT/304: SHAKESPEARE
- LIT/330: MODERN POETRY
- LIT/305: MAJOR AMERICAN NOVEL
- WRIT/310: CREATIVE WRITING: PERSONAL ESSAYS AND CREATIVE NON-FICTION
- LIT/410: LITERATURE OF THE FANTASTIC
- WRIT/350: WRITING FOR SOCIAL MEDIA
- RHET/300: RHETORICAL THEORIES
- RHET/470: STUDIES OF AMERICAN RHETORIC
- ENG/480: APPLIED RHETORIC

14 General Education courses

These courses lay the foundation for our degree programs, because communication, math and writing skills aren't just universally applicable in the professional world – they're useful in daily life.

- GEN/201: FOUNDATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY SUCCESS
- PSY/110: PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING
- ENG/100: CRITICAL READING AND COMPOSITION
- HUM/115: CRITICAL THINKING IN EVERYDAY LIFE
- FP/100T: EVERYDAY ECONOMICS AND FINANCES
- ENG/200: RHETORIC AND RESEARCH
- SOC/110: TEAMWORK, COLLABORATION, AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
- SCI/220T: HUMAN NUTRITION
- ARTS/100: INTRODUCTION TO THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
- SCI/163T: ELEMENTS OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS
- MTH/220T: COLLEGE ALGEBRA
- REL/134: WORLD RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS II
- SOC/100: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
- REL/133: WORLD RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS I
- ENV/100T: PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
- HUM/105: WORLD MYTHOLOGY
- HUM/186: MEDIA INFLUENCES ON AMERICAN CULTURE
- SOC/262: CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN SOCIETY
- BIO/101: PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY
- POL/215: STATE AND LOCAL POLITICAL PROCESSES
- SOC/315: CULTURAL DIVERSITY
- PHL/458: CREATIVE MINDS AND CRITICAL THINKING
- MTH/215T: QUANTITATIVE REASONING I
- MTH/216T: QUANTITATIVE REASONING II
- MTH/219T: INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE ALGEBRA
- BIO/350: GENERAL BIOLOGY I

5 Focus courses

Your focus study includes classes in an area of your choosing outside of your required course of study. This focus study adds to the interdisciplinary nature of your degree by supplementing your core discipline in English..

5 Elective courses

Elective courses allow you to learn about topics you're interested in, whether they're related to your degree or not. That means you'll have a degree that's unique to you and your education goals.

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help you schedule classes for our online Bachelor of Arts in English program.

What you'll learn

When you earn your English Degree, you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

Download learning outcomes

Topics covered in this degree include:

- Applying learned principles in rhetorical strategies of exposition, persuasion, narration, and descriptive writing.
- Understanding texts and rhetorical concepts relevant to a variety of communication situations and contingencies.
- Analyzing and collaborating in the creation of a written product.
- Comparing literature across forms, genres, and schools, and identifying essential elements used by authors in written works.

Have questions about how to enroll in the online English degree program or any other program? Fill out the request for information form – and we'll get you in touch with an enrollment representative.

Effective communication is paramount in today's workforce. You're ready to take on your future – and we're behind you. Together, we rise.

While widely available, not all programs are available in all locations or in both online and on-campus formats. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.