Interested in English?

About the Major
The English Department at the University of Oklahoma offers nationally recognized programs in cultural studies, Native American Studies, and Composition, Rhetoric, and Literacy.

Track 1: Literary and Cultural Studies. In this track students study literary works, movements, genres, themes, and writers in their cultural contexts. Courses emphasize reading, story, communication, language, and historical and cultural events.

Track 2: Writing (Composition/Rhetoric/Literacy). In this track students study theories of written communication, practice them extensively in various writing contexts, and explore issues concerning literacy, language, and the relation of writing to different cultures.

Language Requirement
Proficiency in one language other than English is required as demonstrated by departmental examination or by successful completion of two intermediate courses in an ancient or modern language (with a grade of C or better in the second course). The department may also accept transfer credit to satisfy this requirement.

Scholarships
Lydia Dortha Haag Award
Dr. Betty Evans Scholarship
Goldia D. Cooksey Memorial
Jewel Wurtzbaugh Memorial
James C. Benson Prize
Margaret Castelez Scholarship
Joe Sidney Nicholson Memorial Scholarship

Journals
As English majors, students are given access to a wide variety of literary journals and also have the opportunity to be published with the assistance of a faculty advisor. Students have access to journals such as:
- Genre
- The Variorum Chaucer
- World Literature Today
- Chinese Literature Today

Language Arts Certificate
Students majoring in English may also work for the standard teaching certificate in language arts. Students in the language arts program must meet all requirements of the English major and a few additional specifications.

English Curriculum
English majors will complete a track in literary and cultural studies or in writing. Each track requires two survey courses. Survey courses are two classes offered one semester after another and are a continuation of the previous course. Examples include ENGL 2433 World Literature, 1375-1700 and ENGL 2443 World Literature, 1700-present. Students are also required to complete the senior capstone, an English course which demonstrates the students’ accomplishments in analyzing literature topics. Beyond the required courses in English, students are required to complete seven elective courses from categories such as Medieval/Renaissance; Early Modern and Contemporary British Literature; American Literature; World Literature; Genres and Media; Theory, Criticism, and Cultural Studies; and Writing.