

# PATHWAYS | ENGLISH



COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS

Bachelor of Arts in English: Creative Writing  
 Bachelor of Arts in English: Professional and Public Writing  
 Bachelor of Arts in English: Literature

	COURSE SELECTION	ASK FOR ASSISTANCE	GAIN EXPERIENCE	GET INVOLVED
FRESHMAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freshman year is a time to focus on meeting core curriculum requirements.</li> <li>Use your experiences in your core classes to guide your thinking about a meaningful minor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with your College of Liberal Arts and Department of English academic advisors each term.</li> </ul>  <p><i>Tichenor Hall, home of the College of Liberal Arts student advising.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the Career Center and its website early and often to learn about their resources and services.</li> <li>Visit the Miller Writing Center to explore how their offerings can enhance your success in all your courses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in activities, such as the English Club.</li> <li>Attend English Hours and sponsored guest speakers.</li> </ul>
SOPHOMORE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be sure to complete your core sequence in either British or American Literature.</li> <li>Sophomore year, take ENGL 2010, the gateway course for Professional Writing.</li> <li>There are the prerequisites and the foundations for your studies in English.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take advantage of the services offered by the Miller Writing Center.</li> <li>Make a point to meet with each of your professors during their office hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build your writing and editing experience through coursework and your social network.</li> <li>Consider working with the Office of University Writing, with <i>Auburn Speaks</i>, and other campus or community publications.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get involved with on-campus or community publications, presses, or projects: <i>Auburn Speaks</i>, <i>AU JUS</i>, <i>Auburn Circle</i>, <i>the Plainsman</i>.</li> </ul>
JUNIOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keeping your career goals in mind, identify your required minor or additional major.</li> <li>Take pathway courses and electives to support your goals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many professional writing majors go on to graduate or professional studies in technical communication or in other fields.</li> <li>Begin exploring program options by visiting university websites, including departmental and graduate school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek out possible internships, undergraduate research opportunities, or study abroad to enhance your undergraduate experience.</li> <li>Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research to explore funding opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer in London is the English department's six-week study abroad program.</li> </ul>
SENIOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior year, be sure to take the capstone course, ENGL 4810: Capstone in Professional Writing.</li> <li>Take a course that gets you out of your comfort zone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with your CLA advisor for a graduation check.</li> <li>Work with the Career Center to update your résumé and continue assembling a portfolio of your work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk to your professors about recommendations and your future.</li> <li>If you're thinking of graduate school, be sure to discuss your statement of purpose and writing sample.</li> <li>Participate in Grad/Professional School and Career Fairs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Let the English Department know where you're headed and your post graduation plans.</li> </ul>

## CAREER PLANNING

### AUBURN UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER

303 MARY MARTIN HALL | [AUBURN.EDU/CAREER](http://auburn.edu/career)

A bachelors degree in English will prepare you for careers in a variety of fields requiring strong written communication skills. Graduate or professional school is often required for career advancement.

#### GRANT/PROPOSAL WRITER

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.A.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$29.2K-\$42.1K

These are just three options out of many that English majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out "What Can I Do With a Major In..." on [auburn.edu/career](http://auburn.edu/career).

#### ATTORNEY

MINIMUM EDUCATION: J.D.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$49.3K-\$114.3K

#### TECHNICAL WRITER

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.A.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$37.2K-\$67.9K



Mary Martin Hall, home of the Auburn University Career Center

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