The Department of English is dedicated to offering courses and activities that will challenge our students to become better readers, writers, thinkers, and educators. Students who study in our department can earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in English or English Language Arts Education (secondary teaching), or they may earn a minor in English as an adjunct to another major. Majors in the department study great works of literature, learn how to analyze literary texts and their contexts, improve their writing and thinking skills, and explore the nature and beauty of the English language.

Because we emphasize small discussion-based classes, students receive individual attention, flexibility in pursuing particular interests, and opportunities to work with faculty who possess a broad range of knowledge and experience in literature, writing, and language studies. Faculty members in the department are energetic teachers and scholars who often bring their research and creative endeavors into the classroom.

Related Job Titles
The following list is not meant to be all inclusive; many other job alternatives and titles may exist. Many of the job titles listed require further education.

- Editor (Book, Film, Media)
- Public Relations Director
- Freelance Writer
- Teacher
- Journalist
- Project Manager
- Human Resource Specialist
- Program/Policy Analyst
- Technical Writer
- Copywriter

- Publisher
- Grant Writer
- Marketing Director
- Art Center Director
- Foreign Service Officer
- Art Therapist
- Archivist/Curator
- Entertainment/Recreation Mngr.
- Admissions Officer
- Interpreter/Translator
- Professor/Faculty
- Lawyer (Prelaw)
- Community Programs Director
- Creative Director
- Jeweler
- Art Critic
- Poet/Playwright/Novelist
- Literary Agent
- Library Technician
- Speech Writer

Possible Employers
Federal/National Programs
Nat. Endowment for the Humanities
National Endowment for the Arts
Cultural Affairs Agencies

Department of State
Peace Corps
AmeriCorps

Federal Courts System
Department of Education

Private:
_publishing houses
Magazines/Newspapers
Advertising Agencies
Web Design Companies
Centers for the Arts

Corporate Offices
Film/TV Production Companies
Museums/Archives
Freelance
Public Service Organizations

News Organizations
Universities/Schools
Manufacturers (tech writing)
Businesses
Banks

State, County & Local Agencies:
Offices of Education
Universities—Centers for the Arts
Youth Programs
Social Service Programs

Libraries/Visitor & Convention Centers
Schools and Educational Programs
Public Relations Departments
Policy and Analysis Departments

Community Outreach Programs
Tech Support Departments
Enrichment Programs
Legal Departments
A 4-year College Degree is designed to give you the Top Skills employers are looking for, According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, those skills and abilities are:

- Effective Communication
- Working in a team structure
- Making decisions/solving problems
- Planning/organizing and prioritizing work
- Obtaining and processing information
- Analyzing quantitative data
- Proficiency with computers and software
- Creating and editing written reports
- Selling and influencing others

**Marketable Skills In Your Major**

**Communication**
- Excellent Written and Oral Communication Skills
- Engage/understand diverse perspectives
- Informative and Persuasive Communications
- Interpersonal Comm. & Inter-cultural Comm.

**Researching/Analyzing**
- Evaluating Ideas and Structures
- Gathering and Synthesizing Information
- Ability to critical analyze topics and arguments
- Defining, organizing and solving problems

**Creativity**
- Excellent skills in Conceptualization, Self-Expression
- Communicating ideas through creative mediums
- Generating and Adapting Ideas

**Detailing/Organizing**
- Working as part of a team & Independently
- Planning & Working against deadlines
- Project Development—Seeing through to completion

**Academic and Career Advising Center Services**

**Drop-In hours:** Monday – Friday, 10 am – 1 pm: Quick academic and career advice and drop-in resume/cover letter review. Drop-ins are handy for the following types of services:

- Job Search Basics
- Basic DARS Review
- Quick Resume Review
- Declaring a Major/Major Change
- Adding a Minor
- Navigating HSU Handshake
- How to Use DARS Degree Planner
- Cover Letter Review

**Academic and Career Advisors** (Please call 707-826-3341 or visit Gist Hall 114 to make an appointment)

Our helpful team of academic and career advisors can help you get the most out of your college experience with the following and much more during an individual appointment:

- Academic Planning
- Full-time Job Search
- DARS Questions
- 4-Year Plans
- Major Change Advising
- GE Information
- Internship Search
- Federal Work Study
- Mock Interview
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Career Assessment
- Adding a Second Major
- Graduate School Application
- How to use DARS Degree Planner
- Withdrawal or Transfer Advice
- Personal Statement

**HSU Handshake** (online job database and more!): Search for campus jobs, internships, summer jobs, community service, work-study, etc. Register for workshops and special events. Go to www.humboldt.edu/acac to register on HSU Handshake or call 707-826-3341 for assistance.

**Events and Workshops** (Contact us for more information!)

- Part-time Job Fair - August
- Graduate and Professional School Fair - September
- Internship Week - February
- Career & Volunteer Expo - February
- Ready, Set, Register! Semester Bulletin - Fall / Spring
- Educator Fair - March
- How to Find Part-Time Jobs Workshop - March
- How to Find an Internship Workshop - On-Going
- Getting the Most out of Career Expo Workshop - On-going
- Research Graduate Schools Workshop - February
- Federal Resume & Application Open Labs - Fall
- How to Find Internships in Your Home Town Workshop - Spring

Looking for professional development opportunities for your on-campus club or organization?
- Request a Career Advisor to give a group presentation on subjects like resume development or job search.