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ENGLISH

ABOUT MY MAJOR

English involves a lot of learning about how to analyze and interpret written works from the present and the past. It's a lot of fun because you get to interact with the literary community as a whole. I read a lot of novels and poetry and learn how to interpret them. There is also some history involved because you have to know what was happening in the wider world to better understand what authors are writing about.

SKILLS

The ability to be able to read and take in a lot of information is important because some classes have a heavy workload. You might read 6 or 7 books in a semester and they are all very fast-paced. You have to be able to read and more importantly enjoy it, because you will want to take the time to sit and think about it. And writing skills are important too - you don't have to be good at it at the beginning, but you have to have the interest in pursuing that.

MINORS & CERTIFICATES

I have a Creative Writing minor, which pairs really well with my major. Some of the classes in my minor are electives for the English major, so they overlap really nicely. There's also a Literary Publishing certificate that goes really well with the major too. I have some friends that are doing that. I know some students who are completing a Journalism minor too.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

I'm in the English Club, which is a lot of fun. We've done a fire pit where we talked about books that we were reading. It's a lot more informal than a class, and you still get to talk about cool books with people who are really interested in the same type of thing that you're interested in. It's a really nice way to meet new people from your major or to go and hang out with your friends in your major.

INTERNSHIPS & CAREERS

I want to be a Librarian. I'm planning to go to graduate school for Library or Archives. I work at Rod Library at the library services desk now. I get to help people with their research, and I also get to work with the librarians, which is really nice.

I took a Senior Seminar course where we talked about all the different things you can do with an English degree. You can work in non-profit organizations or in editing (which is most English majors dream!). You can also work with writers, which is exciting.

People don't realize the different ways that an English degree can be applied. It's a very valuable degree for most any job, because learning and knowing how to interpret written works is very important. A lot of English majors end up going into law, which is interesting!