

## Tracks within the English Major

To prepare more effectively for their intended careers, students may choose to focus on special areas of concentration within the English major at BYU. Following is a representative list of career/graduate studies tracks, together with recommended courses under each. In reviewing the following recommendations, bear in mind that neither the list of tracks nor the list of recommended courses under each is all-inclusive. You should tailor recommendations to your own perceived needs and interests. You may solicit additional counsel from your faculty advisor or from one of the counselors in the [Humanities Advisement Center](#).

Several of the career tracks below recommend or require a student internship. For more information on planning and applying for internships, see the [internships page](#) on our department website.

### *Creative Writing*

Students with a course concentration in creative writing often advance to graduate programs in creative writing or careers in editing or professional writing. A few become creative writers as their primary career. If you plan to become an editor or writer with a creative writing concentration in English, you should also plan to complete a professional writing internship.

**Advanced writing requirement:** English 314

**Focus courses:** English 218R, 317R, 318R, 319R, 320R, 419R, 518R

**Other:** professional writing internship (for students desiring to become editors or professional writers)

### *Professional Writing*

Students with a course concentration in professional writing generally enter careers in editing, professional writing, or editorial design.

**Advanced writing requirement:** English 316

**Focus courses:** English 399R, 415R, 418

**Other:** professional writing internship

### *Pre-Business*

For students planning to earn an MBA or MPA degree.

**Advanced writing requirement:** MCom 320

**Other:** business-related internship strongly recommended

### *Pre-Law*

For students planning to earn an advanced degree in law.

**Advanced writing requirement:** English 312

**Other:** paralegal or other law-related internship strongly recommended

### *Rhetoric and Academic Writing*

Students with a course concentration in rhetoric and academic writing tend to enter graduate programs in rhetoric or composition or careers in editing or professional writing.

**Advanced writing requirement:** English 312

**Theory:** English 451 or 452 (for students planning to enter graduate school)

**Focus courses:** English 399R, 426, 427, 428R

**Other:** professional writing internship (for students desiring to become editors or professional writers)

### ***British Literature***

Students with a course concentration in British literature may plan to pursue an advanced degree in British literary studies.

**Advanced writing requirement:** English 314

**Theory:** English 451 or 452

**Focus courses:** English 300R, 333, 337R (British focus), 341, 343, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 380, 381, 383, 384R (British authors), 385, 396 (British authors)

**Other:** English 495 focusing on British author(s) or text(s)

### ***American Literature***

Students with a course concentration in American literature may plan to pursue an advanced degree in American literary studies.

**Advanced writing requirement:** English 314

**Theory:** English 451 or 452

**Focus courses:** English 336, 337R (American focus), 343, 350R, 358R, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 368, 384R (American authors), 392, 396 (American authors)

**Other:** English 495 focusing on American author(s) or text(s)

### ***Folklore, Ethnic, and Regional Literature***

Students with a course concentration in British literature may plan to pursue an advanced degree in folklore, ethnic literature, or British or American literary studies.

**Advanced writing requirement:** English 314 or 315

**Theory:** English 451 or 452

**Focus courses:** English 345, 350, 355, 356, 358R, 364, 368, 391, 392, 393R, 395R, 396

**Other:** English 495 focusing on folklore or on ethnic or regional literature