

ENGLISH LITERATURE

A degree in English or Professional Writing from King's College will give you the communication, research, and critical thinking skills you need to succeed, both at King's and in the professional world.

What makes us different

Our graduates are working in a diverse and satisfying variety of fields, such as journalism, public relations, editing and publishing, teaching, consulting, technical writing, higher education administration, and the law. Additionally, a variety of businesses now actively seek English majors because they possess creative, flexible minds that can offer fresh approaches to situations and come equipped to communicate in the business environment. Thus, we have a number of recent graduates working in business fields, such as marketing and advertising. Perhaps most importantly, the communication and critical thinking skills our graduates possess earn them promotions and leadership positions later in their careers, ensuring they will advance over the course of their careers.

Placement Highlights

Listed below are just a few job positions, workplaces and graduate schools where our recent alumni have found success.

- Emergency Communication Coordinator, U.S. Coast Guard
- Grants Coordinator, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Assistant in Book Marketing at Boyds Mills Press
- Assistant Provost, Faculty Affairs, Thomas Jefferson University



- Technical Writer at Solid Cactus, Inc.
- Reporter, Citizen's Voice
- Online Marketing Specialist at Maternal and Family Health Services
- Communications Specialist at AVE by Korman Communities.
- Law programs at Penn State's Dickinson School of Law and Duquesne University
- Editor at Northeast Editing
- Secondary education teachers at numerous school districts throughout the United States
- Graduate programs at the Universities of Virginia and Delaware, Purdue University, and American University.

Program Structure

Our program offers two distinct degrees: Literature (with the option of Secondary Education certification) and Professional Writing. The Literature degree immerses students in the study of literature spanning centuries as well as miles. Students may choose from classes as diverse as Literary Heroes: East and West, African-American Women Writers, and Romantic British Literature. Professional Writing majors focus deeply on the profession of writing, taking classes in Editing and Document Design and getting hands-on experience through internships, all while studying fundamental theories of how and why writing works the way it does.

To learn more about majoring in English Literature at King's College, please contact the Office of Admission at 1-888-KINGS PA or admissions@kings.edu.

English Literature (120 Credit Hours)

Suggested Sequence

A suggested course sequence of degree requirements is listed below. Refer to the college catalog for course titles, descriptions, and prerequisites. Always consult your Academic Advisor when planning and scheduling your classes.

1 st Year - Fall		cr.	1 st Year - Spring		cr.
ENGL 110 Academic Writing		3	ENGL 140 – 149 (Literature)		3
Core Course		3	CSEM 100 Quest for Meaning		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
HCE 101 Holy Cross Experience		1			
		16			15
2 nd Year – Fall			2 nd Year – Spring		
ENGL 200 Found. Sem I: Hist. or Lit in Engl.		3	ENGL 201 Found. Sem. II: Intrepret. Methods		3
Core Course		3	ENGL 241 Advanced Writing		3
Core Course		3	ENGL Elective		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
		15			15
3 rd Year – Fall			3 rd Year – Spring		
ENGL Elective		3	ENGL 395 Comparative/Multicultural Lit.		3
ENGL Elective		3	ENGL Elective		3
ENGL Elective		3	ENGL Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		3
		15			15
4 th Year – Fall			4 th Year – Spring		
ENGL 491 Senior Seminar in Literature		3	ENGL Elective		3
ENGL Elective		3	ENGL Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		2-3
		15			14-15
Total Credits Required for Graduation = 120					