

# ENGLISH

Bentley's English major is a distinctive new look at the methods, philosophies and practices of literary and cultural studies. The curriculum enables students to gain a wider understanding of our increasingly globalized and diverse world.

The English major curriculum focuses on textual analysis and production. English majors have a variety of exciting career paths to choose from. They are trained to communicate effectively, clearly, and logically. As an English major, you will learn to hone analytical and critical reading skills that can help you analyze and translate complex texts and research data. You will also explore and develop your creative abilities. With these skills, you can take an English major to a wide variety of professions, in both the public and private sectors. Public and private institutions like English majors because of their versatility. They are "thinkers who produce" and as such can be found in diverse industries, including business, law, medicine, media and public service.

As an English major, you will be encouraged to explore canonical works, such as classical representations of the Hero or Shakespeare, as well as contemporary graphic and digital narratives across platforms. You will also take a creative writing course, your choice, in poetry, fiction, drama/screenwriting, nonfiction/essay or mixed genres. This course allows you to choose a medium and use the class as a site for practice, feedback, experimentation, and innovation.

You will be encouraged to complete an internship or a capstone project, which requires the use and honing of effective communication skills, and you will have the flexibility to study abroad. In all of your classes, you will practice effective modes of communication on and off the page.

## CAREERS

This major is ideal for the business student who wishes to pursue a career that requires an understanding of how cultural texts work, especially with regard to the written word. Possible career paths include but are not limited to:

- Writing for Web and Multimedia
- Screenwriting
- Communications
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- Publishing
- Journalism
- Editing
- Entertainment
- Law
- Education
- Grant Writing
- Copywriting
- Technical Writing
- Library Sciences/ Information Services
- Public Policy

## REQUIRED AND ELECTIVE COURSES

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Introduction to Film, Literature, and Media

Introduction to Cultural Studies

Four electives in the English and Media Studies Department

**You must choose one course on diverse or global literature or cinema from the following:**

Introduction to African American Literary and Cultural Studies

Caribbean Literature

Immigrant and Ethnic Literature

Passing in American Literature

Money, Love, and Death: Colonialism in Literature and Culture

Selected Topics in African American Lit and Cultural Studies

International Cinema

Native American Literature and Culture

Literature of the Holocaust

Literature and Film of the Vietnam War

**You must choose one creative writing course from the following:**

Poetry

Fiction

Drama/Screenwriting

Screenwriting

Nonfiction/Essay

Writing and Design for Multimedia

Mixed Genres

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Most Bentley students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree take the following courses:

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Information Technology  
Expository Writing I  
Expository Writing II  
Mathematical Sciences I  
Mathematical Sciences II  
Government  
Problems of Philosophy  
Principles of Microeconomics  
Principles of Macroeconomics  
First-Year Seminar (one credit)

For each of the following requirements, you can choose an applicable course from a wide variety of offerings:

Literature/Cinema  
Natural Sciences  
Math or Natural Sciences elective  
History  
Behavioral Sciences  
Humanities/Social Science elective

### BUSINESS STUDIES MINOR

Legal and Ethical Environment of Business  
Tools and Concepts  
in Accounting and Finance  
Practice and Applications  
in Accounting and Finance  
Business Statistics  
Marketing-Operations Fundamentals  
OR  
Human Behavior and Organizations

### MODERN LANGUAGE AND/OR ARTS AND SCIENCES ELECTIVES

Choose four courses

### ARTS AND SCIENCES ELECTIVES

Choose three courses

### UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVES

Choose five courses

# TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

After you've selected a major, what else can you do to make your education work harder? Customize your degree with an optional second major, choose a minor or get a head start on graduate study.

**BUSINESS STUDIES MAJOR** The Business Studies major (BSM) is a new, optional second major designed for students pursuing an arts and sciences degree at Bentley. The BSM has been designed to provide you with additional options for your Bentley education, allowing you to take advantage of an arts and sciences education within the context of a business university — a unique advantage that can help you stand out to future employers.

If you are pursuing an English degree, you must complete either the BSM or a Business Studies minor.

**MINORS** You can further specialize your studies through one of our minors.

- Accountancy
- Actuarial Sciences
- Business Economics
- Computer Information Systems
- Data Technologies
- Earth, Environment and Global Sustainability
- Entrepreneurial Studies
- Finance
- Gender Studies
- Global Management
- Health and Industry
- History
- Human Resources Management
- Information and Process Management
- Information Design and Corporate Communication
- International Affairs
- International Economics
- Law
- Leadership
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematical Sciences
- Modern Languages
- Natural and Applied Sciences
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Sociology
- Sports Business Management
- Supply Chain/Operations Management

**FALCON FAST-TRACK PROGRAM** The Falcon Fast-Track program is designed for motivated undergraduate students with high academic standing in ANY undergraduate major. Depending on the program of study, master's degree requirements may be completed with one year of additional full-time academic work. Students enrolled in the Falcon Fast-Track Program have the opportunity to pursue one of nine master's programs.

For more information, visit [bentley.edu/fast-track](http://bentley.edu/fast-track).