



# English

## Why Study English at TCNJ?

Turn your creativity with words into a foundation for your career. The English program at TCNJ's School of Humanities and Social Sciences teaches students to think creatively, read critically, and communicate effectively — with the flexibility to tailor the study of language and literature to your professional goals. Supported by small classes and strong mentorship from a diverse faculty, our graduates gain the skills and insights to succeed in range of careers, including publishing, law, business, journalism, library science, marketing, public service, education, and creative writing.

## Programs of Study

TCNJ's English program offers majors in English liberal arts or English Secondary Education, and minors in English, Creative Writing, or Linguistics. Our curriculum is designed for flexibility, easily allowing pursuit of a dual degree with a second major or application of English electives to minors or concentrations in other programs.

Students benefit from:

- **Sophisticated, highly marketable, skills-based learning** — with an emphasis on reason, research, and writing
- **Development of close-reading techniques and expansive interpretive possibilities** — such as ecocriticism, gender studies, film criticism, and biographical studies
- **A curriculum that can be tailored to match interests** — by authors, periods, and genres
- **Small classes and seminars** — promoting close collaboration on research projects, oral presentations, and group learning
- **Strong mentorship from experienced faculty with wide-ranging specialties** — offering academic and career guidance
- **A five-year track for a Master of Arts in English** — with students completing a BA in English Secondary Education, their teaching certification, and an MA in English in five years

### Study Abroad Opportunities:

Students are encouraged to take a semester abroad or take one of our unique courses:

- British Theater in London
- Classical Literature in Greece and Italy
- Literature and History of Apartheid in South Africa

# 80%

of employers are looking for the skills cultivated by the study of humanities

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## Career Planning and Internships

English students enjoy tremendous career flexibility, gaining highly desirable skills that translate across industries. To apply learning and gain valuable real-world experience, many students opt to do faculty-mentored internships for credit or pursue publishing opportunities for creative writing, essays, and scholarly papers. Our English major program also offers a career-planning course, as well as personalized faculty and alumni advisement, to help map out post-graduate pathways.

## Student-Driven Organizations and Engagements

Our passionate, committed students create a lively community through many clubs and organizations, especially the creative writing group *INK*, our literary arts journal *Lion's Eye*, the theater group ACT, and the English Honor Society (Sigma Tau Delta). TCNJ's student groups are also extremely active in planning on-campus cultural events and performances.

## An English Degree from TCNJ Opens Doors

Graduates of our English program are thriving in every field imaginable — and in locations spanning the globe. Recent graduates are employed by the top government organizations, local school districts, libraries, nonprofits, law offices, and Fortune 500 companies. Their novels, poetry, and plays are reviewed in the *New York Times* and have garnered numerous awards and praise. Recent graduates have also competed and received funding at top graduate programs in literature, comparative literature, rhetoric, arts management, and museum curatorship.



### Take the Next Step

To learn more about earning your English degree at TCNJ, visit [english.tcnj.edu](http://english.tcnj.edu) or contact us with questions.

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