

# ENGLISH

*“An English degree is more than just the reading of books, or writing with proper grammar. It is the freedom to approach the world consciously, and to travel, teach, learn, and create while we live in this space.”*

**- Marty, English Major**



for graduates taking the next step in either their careers or education.

## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates may receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English with a Concentration in Literature or a BA in English with a Concentration in Writing. A major in English combines well with study in many other fields, such as African-American Studies, Appalachian Studies, Communications, History, Peace and Social Justice Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Theatre, and Women's and Gender Studies. Students often double major with Education Studies to earn a P-12 teaching certificate.

## OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- English majors may apply for department-funded grants that can be used to support student travel to/and or participation in off campus conferences, workshops, lectures, internships, domestic and international study opportunities.
- There are labor positions, working with English faculty as teaching assistants or research assistants.
- In order to complete the major, students put together an English Portfolio, a culmination of their academic work and achievements signed off by their academic advisor. The English Portfolio is important

## CAREERS & OUTCOMES

The Liberal Arts and Humanities are only growing in value to the world and job markets. A degree in English indicates a broad, interdisciplinary education and a mature awareness of social and personal issues, as well as skills in research, writing, and critical thinking. English majors find employment or opportunities to continue their education in a diverse range of occupations and career fields including:

- Journalism
- Copywriting
- Teaching (primary, secondary, and higher education)
- Communication Fields
- Film (production/festivals)
- Technical writing
- Non-profit organizations



## WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



*"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."*

**Edward B. Rust Jr.**  
**Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies**