

What Sets Our English Department Apart?

Q: We frequently talk about skills that we expect students in our majors to acquire: critical thinking, communication, research and analysis, organization, and empathy. In addition to these more general skills, are there specific skills that your program offers to prospective students?

A: Majors in English develop the ability to critically analyze and interpret a variety of written texts. Our students are taught a range of interpretive strategies that allow them to respond persuasively to complex works of literature and scholarship. English majors recognize how factors such as race, gender, class, religion, sexual orientation, and nationality affect individuals, groups, and texts, and they become flexible thinkers and strong writers as they respond to the multiplicity of ideas and voices in our literature and our world. They also receive a great deal of instruction and experience regarding the principles of effective writing.

Q: How does your program give students an advantage in today's job market?

A: English majors are positioned well to enter a constantly changing job market. Every organization needs people who can communicate effectively. By studying language, literature, and culture, our students gain experience discussing complex problems and clearly explaining solutions. English majors succeed in a variety of careers, as they have the flexibility, knowledge, and skills to adapt to the shifting demands of professional life. In addition, the English program at Rowan allows students the freedom to complete a second major to further individualize their academic preparation and thus make themselves more marketable.



Q: What jobs / careers are students in your major best positioned to pursue?

A: Majoring in English prepares students for a wide variety of career paths. Our alumni excel in professions such as Education (K-12 as well as higher education), marketing and advertising, business, public relations, library sciences, and journalism. English is also excellent preparation for law school.

The Bottom Line

Rowan's English program is ideal for creative, thoughtful students with a strong desire to learn more about diverse peoples and cultures throughout history. Our majors share a profound appreciation for literature's ability to entertain, educate, and enable.