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 identification, 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.

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, skills, and knowledge 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.

Rowan's English program is ideal for creative, thoughtful students with a strong desire to learn more about diverse peoples and cultures. Our majors share a profound appreciation for literature’s ability to entertain, educate, and enable.
“After taking a general English class, I realized that the environment of the classroom along with the content being taught was what I wanted to study and be involved in for the rest of my life. My professors are all extremely understanding, compassionate, and intelligent. I enjoy having analytical debates and conversations within the classroom.”

Farah

Employer Snapshot
Division of Youth & Family Services
Inpira Health Network
Maurice River Township Board of Ed.
Penn State University
Richmond Times-Dispatch Newspaper
Rowan College at Burlington County
New Jersey Youth Corps
UBS Financial Services, Inc.
United Counseling Service of Bennington County
United States Customs Service
Washington Township School District

“An liberal arts education fosters valuable ‘soft skills’ like problem-solving, critical thinking and adaptability. Such skills are hard to quantify, and they don’t create clean pathways to high-paying first jobs. But they have long-run value in a wide variety of careers.” - New York Times

Potential Career Paths
Archivist; Columnist; Copywriter; Creative Writer; Foreign Service Officer; Information Manager/Scientist; Lawyer; Public Relations Manager; Radio/Television Coordinator; Teacher (Elementary, Middle, High School); Professor (Higher Ed); Underwriter

Internship Sites
Clearbridge Marketing
Friends School of Mullica Hill
Hopeworks Camden
Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office
Law Offices of Hoffman DiMuzio
Literacy NJ
New Life Community Deliverance Church
Office of Governor Phil Murphy
Parker McKay Law Firm
Rowan University LGBTQIA+ Center
Rowan University Women’s Center
Silent Noise Publishing
SLACK, Inc.

Number of Majors
278

International Scholarship Winners
Fulbright ETA Taiwan (2017-18)
Peace Corps Malaysia (2017-18)

Study Abroad
Paris, France
Florence, Italy
London, England
Tokyo, Japan
Maynooth, Ireland

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