

Literature alumni speak to their English degree...

- **Gray Gill:** “I didn’t realize just how lucrative an English degree can be.”
- **Ali Loprete:** “Studying English helped me learn how to organize my thoughts into an idea that develops into an argument and how to effectively communicate that back to my peers and my law school professors in a way that is creative and persuasive.”
- **Erin Henderson Treadwell:** “Since I work in public relations, it is important for me to view situations and prepare writings from various angles and different points of view. My literature classes prepared me to think critically about everything I encounter on a daily basis.”



Erin Henderson, 2009
Development Director at United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama

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A sampling of some recent positions accepted by our recent graduates:

Alumni Affairs Director
Brand Ambassador
Cable Television Researcher
Campaign Assistant
Communications Specialist
Consumer Advocate
Coordinator of Volunteers
Copy Editor
Cruise Director
Editor
Electronic Publishing Expert
Event Organizer
Fundraiser
Magazine Fact Checker
Market Analyst
Media Group Designer
Photographer for Getty Images
Political Party Support Staff
Project Coordinator
Public Information Specialist
Public Relations Specialist
Speech Writer
Teacher
Tour Organizer
Web Designer/Web Master
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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Literature at Auburn: Classic skills never go out of style



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Our message...

The literature faculty at Auburn University are experienced mentors who have supported countless students on their paths to employment or further study. As scholars and authors ourselves, we have worked hard to develop national and international reputations. These reputations are behind you when you enter the job market and explore your own professional opportunities. As experienced mentors, we are here to support you as you navigate the process of realizing your dreams.

About the degree...

An English degree develops skills for a fast-changing global economy, skills that will always be in demand. A recent survey by the Association of American State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) revealed that more than 75% of employers recommend a liberal arts education. Harvard University's Innovation Lab research on employers and employment identifies the most desirable qualities of employees in the 21st century.

English majors excel in these critical qualities:

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Accessing and analyzing information
- Analytical and organizational skills
- Awareness of values and diversity
- Curiosity and imagination
- Written and oral communication skills, including the ability to converse fluently and persuade

The literature track

English majors in the literature track at Auburn University can study the most important and innovative works in American and British literatures, and take a full range of courses with special themes and topics such as Shakespeare, the Victorian novel, environment, literature and culture, African-American literature, drama, gender and literature, Southern literature, and popular culture. Students pursue vital skills in reading, interpretation, research, analysis, and oral and written communications.



Laura Elmer, BA 2010, MA 2013
Director, LifeReady and Guide Programs, Berry College

The literature track also provides solid preparation and strong credentials for pursuing further education in

- English
- Education
- Divinity or Theology
- Law
- Business Administration

making your literature degree flexible and marketable.

In addition to classes...

Our community offers many special educational and social events. It is home to the Auburn University Summer in London Program, a six-week study abroad experience of living and studying in central London with special trips to Stonehenge, Canterbury, and to see a play at the Globe Theatre. The series FILM@JCSM brings speakers to introduce film screenings on themes related to current exhibits at the University's Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art. The English Club hosts events including picnics, open houses, and Thursday Coffee Shop Gatherings including Creative Writing faculty's "Third Thursday" poetry readings.



Gray Gill, 2013
Copy Writer for Bontrager/Trek



Kamron Cox, 2015
Vanderbilt Law School

You might be surprised to learn...

By mid-career, English majors average salary is \$64,700.00. This is the same as graduates in biology, and higher than health care administration, criminal justice, geography, interior design, and psychology. English majors often choose helping and artistic careers, but at mid-career one quarter make an average of \$93,200.00.