ENGLISH

Program Overview

The English program provides fundamental skills in reading, writing, and research—but more than that, English courses serve students across academic disciplines by laying a foundation for critical thinking, textual analysis, argumentation and creative expression.

English majors develop an understanding of language and its power to inform, describe, persuade, and entertain. They develop the confidence to break down complex arguments and texts and also build nuanced, comprehensive responses. They learn to proofread, edit, and refine written pieces in order to create clear, concise and effective communication. In so doing, students ready themselves to engage as active participants in their chosen professions and follow a path of leadership.

The NVC English Transfer Degree will help prepare students for more advanced composition and literary study at four-year Universities. Yet the skills it reinforces—analysis and interpretation, interpersonal communication, in-depth researching, understanding contexts, synthesizing information, building arguments and propositions—will also prepare any student for a range of career paths.

Career Opportunities

Studying English prepares you for a broad, diverse range of professional fields, including education, journalism, law, publishing, medicine, entertainment and fine arts. Indeed, every career or discipline depends on those who can effectively communicate, so no matter what your area of interest, English courses can make you a more effective and well-rounded job candidate.

Beyond careers in writing and teaching, opportunities for English majors abound, including as Business Managers, Sales Executives, Communications Officers and Executive Assistants; Policy Analysts, Business Administrators and Public Sector Administrators; Editing, Copywriting, and Content Development; Public Relations, Advertising, Marketing, and Brand Management; Tech Writers, Tech Developers, Social Media Managers, and Search Engine Optimization Specialists; Journalists and Reporters; Lawyers, Clerks and Paralegals; Grant Writers and Fundraisers; and many, many more.

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Degrees

English: AA-T Degree

The purpose of the Associate in Arts Transfer Degree in English is to provide students with a foundation of knowledge in English which satisfactorily prepares them for transfer to the CSU/UC system for further study towards a baccalaureate degree in English or a related field. The student will develop knowledge which will enable her to understand, evaluate, and apply writing, research and analysis skills. Students who complete the TMC in English prior to transfer will be prepared for upper division coursework in the major.

Career Opportunities

English majors use writing, research and analytical skills in a wide variety of career fields and professions. The Associate in Arts Transfer Degree in English especially benefits those pursuing careers in fields such as Communications, Marketing and Media Development, Education, and Law.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Think, read, and write critically and/or creatively.
2. Write a unified, coherent, well supported, and grammatically correct document.
3. Demonstrate competent research and MLA documentation skills.

Degree Requirements

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To receive an Associate Degree for Transfer, students must complete 60 CSU transferable semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.0, and either the California State University General Education (CSU-GE) (https://catalog.napavalley.edu/getting-your-degree/general-education/#csugeneraleducationtext) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) (https://catalog.napavalley.edu/getting-your-degree/general-education/#igetcgeneraleducationtext) pattern. Consultation with a Counselor is highly encouraged to ensure all requirements are met.