The English program at Providence College is designed to provide students with a rigorous and comprehensive education – from literature to composition, and from creative writing to linguistics. Working alongside published novelists and poets, our program emphasizes writing, critical thinking, and a breadth of communication skills. Our graduates go on to teach, work as journalists and social media professionals, practice law or business, or pursue graduate studies in English or another related field.

**B.A. English**

The English major allows students to read, study, and write about literature written in English, from the Middle Ages to the present. They dive deeply into the writings of specific literary periods, explore the works of individual authors, and study one-on-one with professors through tutorials, independent studies, and senior theses.

**B.A. Creative Writing**

The creative writing major provides instruction from nationally recognized fiction writers and poets in small classes and one-on-one tutorials. Students may choose to concentrate on fiction, poetry, or prose poetry in preparing their final portfolios and capstone classes.

**B.A. Secondary Education — English**

The English/secondary education major is designed for students who aspire to teach high school English. The program combines the English major with education courses, field experiences, and student teaching requirements, and it is approved by the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Interstate Certification Compact.

**Minors**

**English – Literature:** Are you interested in timeless literature but don’t have the time to take on a full English major? Try our English minor, which emphasizes immortal authors and unforgettable books.

**Writing:** Interested in literature, poetry, or journalism? Then, our writing minor is for you. The dynamic, 18-credit minor complements nearly every major — from the arts and sciences to business and humanities disciplines — by focusing on sharpening written communication and reading skills.
The Ruane Center for the Humanities is home to the Department of English and provides a vibrant learning community for those who aspire to be great thinkers, critical readers, and powerful communicators.


The annual Poetry & Fiction Series brings internationally acclaimed writers to PC to read from their work and even work directly with students in creative writing classes.

The Alembic, the official, international literary journal of Providence College, features the work of established and student writers and photographers who oversee editorial ownership of the publication from inception to completion.

Selected Places of Employment

- Aon Insurance
- Barnes & Noble
- Canvas Worldwide
- Fidelity Investments
- Fulbright Program
- Hasbro
- IBM
- Mediahub Worldwide
- Office of U.S. Senator Jack Reed
- Phillips Academy Andover
- Providence College
- Siemens Healthcare
- Simon & Schuster
- Teach for America
- Urban Teachers

Selected Graduate Schools

- Boston College
- Boston University
- Columbia University
- Emerson College
- Johns Hopkins University
- Northeastern University School of Law
- Notre Dame Law School
- Roger Williams University
- Suffolk University
- Temple University
- University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School

94% of English graduates are employed or attending graduate school (Providence College classes of 2018 – 2022)

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