

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.



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and More





PLACES AND PEOPLE

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.

Our distinguished faculty have been published in *The American Poetry Review*, *Harvard Magazine*, *The New Republic*, *Atlantis*, and *Slate*, and have had books published by Scribners, Harper, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, and others.

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

American Express • Brigham and Women's Hospital
Drift: Conversational Marketing
Fidelity Investments
Hasbro • IBM • OMD USA
Siemens Healthcare
Simon and Schuster
Viacom CBS
Walt Disney World Company

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

93%

of **English graduates** are employed or attending graduate school
(Providence College classes of 2019 – 2023)

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