



# ENGLISH & LANGUAGES

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

**With an English  
& Languages  
Degree, we are:**

Journalists  
Grant Writers  
Editors  
Speech Writers  
Book Reviewers  
Technical Writers  
English Teachers  
Script Writers  
Freelance Writers  
Copy Editors  
Web Content Writers  
Social Media Managers  
Public Relations Manager  
Librarian  
...or you can...  
**Teach English as a Second  
Language,  
Go to Graduate School,  
Join a Professional  
Program  
in Ministry, Law  
or Business  
...and so much more!**

## **Show Me the Money!**

Graduates with a degree in English typically earn between \$52,000 and \$60,000 for entry level jobs. As a college graduate, you can earn an average of 75% more than those with only a high school degree, per

**The Chicago Tribune!**  
(NACE 2021 Salary Report)



A degree in English and Languages is more than reading books and or knowing the difference between who and whom...it's the ability to synthesize complex written material and adapt it for a variety of applications. It's being able to 'code switch' between academic and everyday English to communicate with the widest possible audience. And it's also a deep dive into storytelling itself, demonstrating how books, films, memes, and podcasts revolutionize narrative technique. If you can read it, think it, say it, and share it, you'll find it in the Department of English and Languages!

## **> Bachelor of Arts in English**

ECU English majors have enjoyed success as college professors, administrative supervisors, creative writers, business owners, lawyers, journalists, librarians, politicians, and professional writers.

Recent graduates have been accepted to competitive law schools and graduate programs, while others work with Google, The Chickasaw Nation, CASA, Tinker Airforce Base, Vision Bank, and many others.



## **> Bachelor of Arts in English Education**

English Teacher Certification majors take additional courses in methods of teaching English to attain state certification qualifying them to teach English at the middle and high school levels. Since 2010, we have had a 98 percent placement rate for all English Education graduates and a 95 percent pass rate on certification tests since 2006. Recently, state statistics show five teacher openings for every one graduate.

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# DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH & LANGUAGES

## > DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES



### Sigma Tau Delta

Join an international English honor society for students at four-year universities right here at ECU! Our Upsilon Pi Chapter has been active since 1981, and offers students unique opportunities at scholarships, internships, and other chapter activities. Contact Dr. Joshua Grasso at [jgrasso@ecok.edu](mailto:jgrasso@ecok.edu) for more information.



### Scissortail CreativeWriting Festival

US Poet Laureates, American Book Award Winners and National Book Award finalists, Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri Poet Laureates, Oklahoma Book Award winners, and creative writers of every stripe from Oklahoma to New York to China...you'll find them all at ECU's annual Scissortail Creative Writing Festival!

This three-day event celebrates published, established, and emerging authors reading from their creative works. Every year we attract over 50 local and international authors for the most celebrated festival of its kind in the state. For more information, check out our blog at [ecusscisortail.blogspot.com](http://ecusscisortail.blogspot.com), or

### Originals

Since 1958, Originals has published the best student creative writing and artwork in a stylish journal which has become the Department of English and Language's calling card. Student interns design and publish each issue with the help of a faculty mentor, and host several open-mic readings each year for the published authors. Many students get their first creative publication in this journal, and several have gone on to publish their own books and become famous authors in their own right.

Contact Dr. Joshua Grasso at [jgrasso@ecok.edu](mailto:jgrasso@ecok.edu) for more information, or check out our digital archive at [ecuoriginals.wixsite.com/ecuoriginals/](http://ecuoriginals.wixsite.com/ecuoriginals/).

**To prepare students for tomorrow's world through a dynamic & diverse learning experience.**

### English & Languages

**Interim Dean:** Dr. Mark Walling  
**Chair:** Dr. Steven Pedersen  
**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts  
**Concentrations:** 2  
**Minors:** 2  
**Faculty:** 9 full-time  
**Organizations:** 4  
**Scholarships:** 38

### ECU at a Glance

**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 3,000+  
**Undergraduate Majors:** 60+  
**Student to Faculty Ratio:** 17 to 1  
**Average Class Size:** 22  
**Faculty with PhDs:** 65%  
**States Represented:** 28  
**Countries Represented:** 30+  
**Year Founded:** 1909  
**Campus Size:** 140 acres  
**Area Location:** Ada, Oklahoma

### Tiger Spirit

**Mascot:** Roary the Tiger  
**School Colors:** Orange & Black  
**Student Organizations:** 35+  
**Athletics:** NCAA Division II

Men's:	Women's:
Football	Basketball
Baseball	Volleyball
Basketball	Softball
Cross Country	Soccer
Track & Field	Cross Country
Golf	Track & Field
	Golf

