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English, M.A., Applied English Studies emphasis

Are you ready to take your teaching or digital publishing career to the next level? A Master of Arts in English, with an emphasis in Applied English Studies, from Cal Poly Humboldt will prepare you for a range of pursuits while enhancing your critical reading, writing, teaching, research, and other scholarly skills. While developing professionally, you'll advance your understanding of racial and social justice within the discipline, including how texts circulate among audiences and how language shapes the world. You'll also gain hands-on experience through teaching assistantships, tutoring positions, and internships.

Experience Your Learning

From teaching undergraduates to internships, there's no shortage of ways to gain practical experience you can apply to whatever you decide to do after graduation.

Graduate teaching associates teach the undergrad course English 104: Accelerated Composition and Rhetoric.

Writing studio consultants in the Learning Center work one on one, in small groups, and/or online with students on academic writing, brainstorming, and multimodal projects.

Teaching interns work closely with faculty members to teach courses in literature and composition.

Library scholar interns gain hands-on experience with digital projects, archival research and preservation, intellectual property and copyright, scholarly editing and publishing, public history, and museum studies.

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- **Small, discussion-based classes mean you'll receive individual attention and flexibility to pursue special interests.**
- **Located where the redwood trees meet the sea, Humboldt is a great place to write, read, think, learn, and meet lifelong friends.**
- **You will be part of a close-knit learning community and develop meaningful relationships with faculty and peers.**
- **Graduate teaching associates receive a small stipend and may receive a tuition waiver.**



Academics & Options

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The Master of Arts in English with an emphasis in Applied English Studies offers a broad curriculum that fosters the development of critical reading, writing, teaching, research, and other scholarly skills through focused study of literary and cultural texts, pedagogical theory, curriculum development, composition and rhetoric, digital humanities, linguistics, and ESL/EFL.

Students have considerable latitude in designing master's projects that match their interests and the expertise of graduate faculty.

Get Involved

Graduate students are encouraged to join APT, the English Club, which is open to all students who have an interest in English Studies.

The APT club puts on multiple events every semester and meets regularly. APT is a registered club with Student Life, and new e-board members are elected annually. Some recent APT projects include: students vs. faculty trivia night, "bad movie" nights, creating community pop-up libraries, helping make welcome packages for new English students, writing groups, and National Novel Writing Month participation.



Careers

A Master of Arts in English with an emphasis in Applied English Studies expands opportunities for K-12 teachers and prepares students for Ph.D. programs and jobs in college teaching, publishing, editing, professional writing, digital scholarship and curation, and teaching English abroad.

- Authorship and Book Design
- Book and Journal Editing
- Copywriting & Communications Strategizing
- English as a Second/Foreign Language Teaching
- Digital Media Production
- Writing Center Administration
- Literary Marketing, Publicity, & Agentic
- Research and Library Science
- Story Editing for TV and Film
- University and Community College Teaching



The faculty in this program continue to celebrate the intersectional feminist scholarship and literature that I was most interested in using for my own scholarship. The English MA program encouraged, enhanced, and even fostered interdisciplinarity in research and practice. This program challenges you as a researcher and scholar, but more importantly, it supports you."

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