The Department of English offers students training in the foundational skills of reading, analysis, writing, public speaking and research. Students learn to read texts closely, to write focused and convincing essays, to locate, evaluate, and synthesize information, and to communicate complex information clearly.

The outstanding English Teacher Education Program attracts some of the strongest of our majors. Our teacher certification candidates perform particularly well on the edTPA, the assessment for New York State teacher certification, with all students earning scores well above the national mean and most earning “mastery” level.

**PROGRAMS**
- Bachelor of Arts in English
- Minor in English
- Combined BA/MA in English
- English Teacher Education Program
- Minor in Film and Screen Studies

**SKILLS YOU’LL ACQUIRE**
- Critical and analytical thinking skills
- Strong reading, writing and speaking skills
- Research, information gathering and synthesis skills
- Persuasive and rhetorical skills
- Teaching skills
- Leadership and interpersonal skills
- Ability to convey information clearly concisely and tactfully
- Understanding of other cultures through close reading
- Ability to find solutions to intricate problems
- Time management

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- Lawyer
- Publisher, copy editor
- Medicine and Dental Medicine
- Business
- Law
- Journalism
- Education
- Medicine
- Academic and governmental administration

Stony Brook English graduates have gone on to pursue careers in fields including

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