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Degrees & Programs

English, B.A.

- > British & American Literature
- > Writing
- > English Education
- > Drama
- > Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

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English

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A Conversation with Cynthia Westerbeck, Ph.D.

Professor of English, Department Chair

Why should I take English at PUC?

Because we read and discuss great books in a fantastic old building. Because you'll discuss fascinating fictional characters with equally fascinating teachers and students. Because you will be challenged as a writer and critical thinker.

What is your program's personality?

Stauffer Hall is always alive with the sounds of paper conferences, debate, discussion and laughter, along with stomping and shouting from drama rehearsals in our Alice Holst Theater or the outdoor amphitheater. The department experience also includes great meals in faculty homes, poetry readings, excursions to see live theater, and the production of great theater literally in our own back yard.

What emphases can I take?

You can choose from 1) British & American Literature, for pursuing graduate work in English or for pre-professional goals; 2) Writing, including a wide range of styles; 3) English Education for teaching high school English; 4) Drama, for would-be thespians; or 5) Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, which is great for those who enjoy languages and

travel. We also offer a TESOL certificate and minors in English, writing and drama.

Is faith integrated into the program?

Conversations about great books lead naturally to universal questions of identity and spirituality. Whether reading overtly Christian texts or struggling through the existential angst of a modern novel, we grow spiritually as we watch how others have grappled with important questions.

Do I have to get a master's degree?

Often yes, though sometimes in other fields. Learning to think and write well prepares you for almost any career choice. In addition to teaching and writing, our students go into medicine, law, politics, theology or journalism, which require specialized graduate training. There are also careers in areas such as publishing that don't require graduate study.

Continue the conversation by writing to Cynthia Westerbeck at majors@puc.edu.

To read about a different major, visit puc.edu/majorscards.



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True English Majors

Students sometimes argue good-naturedly about which emphasis makes a “true” English major, but it all comes down to a few key characteristics:

- A fascination with how things are expressed
- A love of expressing
- A tendency to play with words
- Creativity, imagination, and delight
- Reading, reading, reading
- Wit, humor, and a dose of sarcasm
- Writing, writing, writing
- A love of excavating through layers of meaning, voice, and idea
- Curiosity

PUC Alumni:

Alumni: A Sampling of Real-life Careers

- Novelist, published by Random House
- Elementary school teacher
- University professor
- Freelance writer
- Technical writer
- Public relations writer
- Ghost writer
- Editor



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