

CURRENT USC UPSTATE ENGLISH STUDENTS

TIPS AND RESOURCES FOR CURRENT ENGLISH STUDENTS

On this page, find tips for success in the classroom, in the job search, and throughout a lifetime of learning and professional leadership.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

In the classroom

English courses share common guidelines for conducting research, interpreting literature and writing about literature. The USC Upstate English faculty prepared several Guides for Literary Study to explain common skills and approaches to English study. These reflect the shared rules and values of the discipline or field of English Studies. In Introduction to the Study of Literature (ENGL U300) and English Senior Seminar (ENGL U490), students learn about these guidelines in depth.

- [USC Upstate's Guide to Literary Studies and Interpreting Literature](#)
- USC Upstate's [Checklist for Writing about Literature](#)
- [Guide to Researching in English Studies](#)
- Guide to Writing an [Article Analysis](#)
- [A Guide to Basic Literary Theory](#)
- A Step-by-Step [Checklist for Completing Senior Seminar](#)
- [Senior Seminar Outside Reader Contract](#)
- Guide to [Senior Seminar Topic Selection](#)
- Guide to [Entering the Critical Conversation--Refining Your Senior Seminar Paper Topic](#)
- Guide to Writing a [Senior Seminar Thesis Worthy of a Twenty-Page Project](#)
- Guide to Preparing the [Senior Seminar Critical Positioning](#)
- Quick Guide to [Writing and Organizing the Senior Seminar Paper](#)
- [Senior Seminar Portfolio Checklist for Students](#)

Outside the classroom

- Join the *Carolinian*, USC Upstate's student newspaper, as a staff writer or editor or join *Writer's Inc.* Literary Arts Magazine or the USC Upstate Literary Club
- Join the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society's Alpha Lambda Lambda chapter at USC Upstate. Membership in Sigma Tau Delta is an outward recognition of achievement in English courses. Students are eligible if they have completed at least two courses

above the ENGL U101/U102 level, earned at least an average grade of B in all English courses, and have an overall GPA of at least 3.0. Membership provides opportunities for scholarships, internships, creative and critical publications, and participation and presentation at national conferences.

- Ask the Languages, Literature, and Composition Internship Coordinator, Dr. Alex Lorenz, about setting up an internship to get hands-on experience in fields related to English studies
- Read our Alumni Profiles at the [Write Your World Blog](#)

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my education at USC Upstate. I have been offered so many opportunities that I feel I would have never received in a larger university. Many of the things that have been most influential in my thinking have been garnered from individual conversations with professors. I cannot overstate the influence that my English professors have had on my education. Their consistent attention and encouragement have given me the confidence to pursue a postgraduate degree and a career in higher education." --Beth TeVault '12

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