

## So now you are an English major...

- ❑ Subscribe to the English department Listserv. Details of how to do this are on the English Department website [www.english.ucsb.edu](http://www.english.ucsb.edu) which you should look at on a regular basis.
- ❑ See Staff Undergraduate Advisor Susan Gosling in South Hall 2607-E for graduation information, **progress checks**, to enroll in the department Honors Program (196-199), for information about Independent Studies (199), to find out about working as a Research Assistant in the department (199RA), or to discuss problems with grades or coursework.
- ❑ See the Program Advisor in South Hall 1515 to discuss graduate school, to plan English coursework or to find out about internships.
- ❑ Keep copies of all official documentation from UCSB, including new student profiles, petitions, etc.
- ❑ Keep all the papers you get back from your professors/instructors. Use the written comments as guidelines for future papers. For example, did someone write, "where is your thesis?" beside your introductory paragraph? Make it crystal clear next time.
- ❑ See your professors/instructors during their office hours, even if it is just to say hello! They like to know who is in their classrooms and it will be important when you need to ask for letters of recommendation. Do not worry if you don't know what to say because (trust us!) they will be able to keep the conversation going.
- ❑ Consider a specialization. Check out the department website (see above) to find out what classes you need to take in order to graduate with a degree in English specializing in Early Modern Studies, American Cultures, or the Literature and Culture of Information. You can also create your own specialization!
- ❑ Juniors (84-134 units): Get a progress check with the College of Letters and Science (Cheadle Hall room 1117) to make sure you have taken, and are planning to take, the right classes. The College of Letters and Science advisors check general education and unit requirements. It is important to make sure your records are correct! Did you get credit for that class you took in the summer? Was that grade-change recorded?
- ❑ Do you think you have what it takes to be an honors student? If you have completed at least two quarters of your Junior year with a minimum GPA of 3.5 (overall and/or in the major) and would like to work towards an Honors degree in English, see Susan Gosling in South Hall room 2607-E. For information about the College of Letters and Science Honors program, see Regina Fletcher, Cheadle Hall room 1117.
- ❑ If you think you might want to go to graduate school, **start** planning in your junior year! Begin researching where you want to go and choosing classes that give you a depth of knowledge in an area. Study for the GRE exam. See the Program Adviser in South Hall room 1515 for help.
- ❑ Seniors (135+ units): Get a progress check at the Office of the Registrar (SAASB room 1105). **Before** the Fall quarter of your senior year, plan when you will take your senior seminar course (Engl. 197), because professors usually only teach one of these courses each year. Therefore, if there is a professor with whom you particularly want to work find out which quarter he or she will be offering the seminar.
- ❑ Plan early and often if you are considering graduate school. Be aware that you will need to take the GRE exam and maybe other tests and that the deadlines for completing these are very early in the application process.

... **Good Luck!**