

# YOUR Major Action Plan: English

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What is YOUR passion?	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Newspapers</li> <li>-Magazines</li> <li>-Broadcast media companies, including television &amp; movie industry</li> </ul>	<p><b>YOUR Target Courses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Complete at least 30 credit hours, including ENGL 1100 and Foreign Language Requirements.</li> <li>-See Academic or Faculty Advisor to discuss your 8 semester plan.*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Complete at least 30 credit hours, including Foreign Language requirements, HISTs 2321/2322, and Sophomore Literature to meet the Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core area.*</li> <li>-See Academic or Faculty Advisor to assist with choosing your desired concentration, discuss Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements, and file your degree plan before completing 45 hours.*</li> </ul> <p>*If your goal is to be a public school teacher, you will need to take ENGL 2350 to meet the Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core area.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Trade, professional, or consumer publications</li> <li>-Internet sites</li> <li>-Advertising agencies</li> <li>-Government agencies</li> </ul>	<p><b>Find YOUR Way</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>***Participate in Texan Debate as part of your First Year Experience.</li> <li>-For more information, contact the Communication Studies Department.</li> <li>-Undecided about your major? Want to learn more about different career options? Take advantage of <a href="#">career counseling and career assessments</a> through Career Services.</li> <li>-Explore student groups and organizations in <a href="#">TexanSync</a> in your major or hobby areas.</li> <li>-Attend <a href="#">Study Skills</a> sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year.</li> <li>-Know the <a href="#">FAFSA deadlines</a> each year.</li> <li>-Seek help from <a href="#">Student Counseling Center</a> for home sickness, depression or other issues.</li> <li>-Feeling ill? Visit <a href="#">Student Health Services</a> for physical health related concerns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Explore available Applied Learning Experiences (ALE) such as internships, research, study abroad, service learning or leadership experiences.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Colleges &amp; universities</li> <li>-Technical industries</li> <li>-Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the <a href="#">Occupational Outlook Handbook</a> powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sharpen YOUR Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects offered by the Department of Communication Studies.</li> <li>-Start understanding the <a href="#">marketable skills</a> that employers are seeking.</li> <li>-Get involved in <a href="#">Service Day</a>.</li> <li>-Apply to be a <a href="#">Residential Leader (RL)</a> or <a href="#">Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM)</a>.</li> <li>-Attend or use <a href="#">Supplemental Instruction</a>, <a href="#">Math Clinics</a>, <a href="#">tutoring options</a>, <a href="#">Writing Center</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through <a href="#">Volunteer Match</a> or <a href="#">United Way</a> to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment.</li> <li>-Attend a variety of events offered by <a href="#">The Office of Diversity and Inclusion</a> and the <a href="#">Fine Arts Center</a> for cultural and diversity awareness.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>YOUR Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Check out part-time jobs in <a href="#">Career Services employment system</a> to gain work skills to begin building your resume.</li> <li>-Attend <a href="#">job and graduate school fairs</a> to explore possible future opportunities.</li> <li>-Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary and occupation you'd like to have through Texas <a href="#">Reality Check</a> tool (powered by Texas Workforce Commission).</li> <li>-Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting and much more through <a href="#">SALT</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Explore <a href="#">career opportunities</a> and choose a major.</li> <li>-Ask Career Services how to conduct a job shadow.</li> <li>-Begin converting your high school resume into a pre-professional <a href="#">resume</a>.</li> <li>-Get to know your instructors to begin establishing professional references and exploring research opportunities.</li> <li>-Begin creating your online portfolio through <a href="#">Portfolioium</a>. Not sure what to put in it? Contact Career Services.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Public &amp; private schools</li> <li>-Libraries</li> <li>-Private learning centers</li> </ul>	YOUR Target Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Complete at least 30 credit hours, including ENGLs 3309 and 3315.*</li> <li>-See your Academic or Faculty Advisor to assist with required courses for your particular concentration.</li> </ul> <p>*If your goal is to be a public school teacher, you will need to see your academic advisor to begin preparing for your Educator Preparation courses after you have completed 60 hours.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Complete remaining credit hours and see your Academic or Faculty Advisor to assist with required courses for your particular concentration.</li> </ul> <p>*If your goal is to be a public school teacher, work closely work closely with your academic advisor and Education Preparation Services to prepare for your clinical teaching experience.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Sunday newspaper supplements</li> <li>-Educational &amp; professional books</li> <li>-Religious books &amp; magazines</li> </ul>	Find YOUR Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major.</li> <li>-Explore participating in an undergraduate research project.</li> <li>-Conduct informational interviews and talk to people who are working in fields of interest to you.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Law firms</li> <li>-Corporate legal departments</li> <li>-Public relations firms</li> </ul>	Sharpen YOUR Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Consider taking on leadership roles within your student organizations and clubs..</li> <li>-Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through <a href="#">All For Good</a>.</li> <li>-Need to get more experience and skills? Check out <a href="#">CareerOneStop.Org</a> sponsored by the US Department of Labor.</li> <li>-Continue to develop computer and job-related skills, and knowledge of the workplace.</li> <li>-Become and <a href="#">Supplemental Instructor</a>.</li> <li>-Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or advisor for your concentration area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Participate in an internship with the direction of your faculty mentor or advisor. Suggested resources for internships can be found in the <a href="#">Career Service's employment system</a> or the <a href="#">College Internship Program's website</a>.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Public service agencies</li> </ul>	YOUR Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Plan your <a href="#">job-search campaign</a> by meeting with a Career Services staff member for assistance and <a href="#">mock interviews</a>, resume critiques and a <a href="#">Business Etiquette Dinner</a> to continue building your professional skills - Consider graduate school and application deadlines or employment).</li> <li>-Compile reference letters, awards, etc.</li> <li>-Create a <a href="#">LinkedIn</a> profile to further your professional networking.</li> <li>-Check the <a href="#">Career Services calendar</a> for career development workshops.</li> <li>-Seek out an internship at any of the Career Services <a href="#">job fairs</a>.</li> <li>-File for GRADUATION!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Update resume in <a href="#">Career Service's employment system</a>, <a href="#">Portfolium</a> and <a href="#">LinkedIn</a>.</li> <li>-Make a list of potential employers, research companies, network and interview.</li> <li>-Attend <a href="#">job fairs</a> and <a href="#">dress professionally</a>.</li> <li>-Consider and review various job offers. Reflect on information needed to <a href="#">negotiate a salary</a> if needed.</li> <li>-Graduate! Congratulations!</li> <li>-Join the <a href="#">Tarleton Alumni Association</a> to stay connected to the University. <b>BLEED PURPLE!</b></li> </ul>