The study of English as a major discipline is composed of two different areas of concentration: literature and composition and writing. Literature explores the fiction, drama, and poetry of different cultures. It involves criticism of the literature being studied. Composition and writing deals with the mechanics of language, the structure of compositions, grammar, rhetoric (theory behind the composition), and creative writing. Courses in these areas deal not only with subjects but how to teach them.¹ The Associate in Arts in English for Transfer offers a study of composition, language, and literature designed to develop skills in reading perceptively, writing effectively, and thinking critically. The program prepares students for diverse careers in advertising, business, communications media, public relations, law, government service, and teaching.

Degree Options at Hartnell:

Associate in Arts in English for Transfer Degree (AA-T)

Overview

Related Careers
- English Teacher
- Author
- Editor
- Grant Writer
- Poet
- Public Relations
- Reporter
- Spokesperson
- Staff Writer
- Speech Writer
- Lobbyist
- Grant Writer

Related Skills
- Imaginative
- Individually expressive
- Observant
- Open to criticism
- Organized
- Proficient in reading, research, and writing
- Self-disciplined
- Self-motivated
- Strong communication
- Active listening
- Critical thinking and analysis

¹https://www.mycollegeoptions.org/content/research/major/Description/English.aspx