

CAREER BRIEF



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BAKERSFIELD

Department of English

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN ENGLISH?

NATIONAL AVERAGE SALARY:

- \$61,461 per year

DEGREES:

- **Bachelor's Degree** in English with Credential Emphasis
- **Single Subject Credential** from a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) approved program

KEY COURSES:

- **ENGL 3010:** Teaching High School English Language Arts I
- **ENGL 3020:** Teaching High School English Language Arts II

SUGGESTED MINORS(S):

- Minor in Children's Literature
- Minor in Creative Writing

CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALLING (CTC):

<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/>

High School English Language Arts Teacher

High School ELA Teachers are education professionals who work in the secondary education setting to teach students the fundamentals of English expression. They cultivate critical thinking, reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Responsibilities include developing lesson plans aligned with state standards, guiding students through literary analysis, developing students' digital and media literacy skills, and providing extensive feedback on student writing to prepare them for post-secondary education and engaged citizenship.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- **National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)** – <https://ncte.org/>
- **California Association of Teachers of English (CATE)** – <https://www.cateweb.org/>
- **Kern Council Teachers of English**
- **National Writing Project (NWP)** – <https://www.nwp.org/>
- **International Literacy Association (ILA)** - <https://www.literacyworldwide.org/>

CREDENTIALS/CERTIFICATIONS/CERTIFICATES:

- **CSUB Single Subject Credential Program** – <https://www.csub.edu/teachereducation/secondary-education-single-subject-credential-program.shtml>
- **CSUB Bilingual Added Authorization (Spanish)** – <https://extended.csub.edu/programs/bilingual-authorization-certificate>
- **National Board Certification** – <https://www.nbpts.org/>