

What can I do with this major?

English

Students who major in English study a liberal arts curriculum with an emphasis on literature and composition. Concentrations can be selected in one of the following: communications, literature, theater, media or pre-law. Any one of these components can be combined with a certification in secondary education. Due to the broad-based study of the liberal arts and the emphasis on writing and analysis, a degree in English prepares students for a variety of careers and graduate programs.

Skills/Competencies Associated with English Majors:

- General knowledge across many disciplines
- Strong abilities in writing, speaking, and reading
- Good grammar, spelling, and vocabulary
- Ability to research and explain findings
- Good reading comprehension and analysis
- Strong listening skills
- Work well under pressure
- Ability to meet deadlines

Related Occupations:

Advertising Copywriter	Editorial Assistant	Product Manager
Advertising Executive	Educational Program Specialist	Program Manager
Announcer (Radio/TV)	Entertainment Agent	Proofreader
Archivist	ESL Teacher	Public Administrator
Author	Freelance Writer/Consultant	Public Relations Specialist
Author – Fiction/Non-Fiction	Information Abstractor	Public Speaker
Bibliographer	Information Indexer	Publicity Assistant
Biographer	Labor Relations Specialist	Publisher
Biographer	Lawyer	Reading Consultant
Book Critic	Librarian	Reading Specialist
Bookstore Manager	Linguist	Reporter
Columnist/Commentator	Literary Agent	Research Assistant Analyst
Comedy Writer	Lobbyist	Researcher (polls, fact checking)
Communications Manager	Magazine Writer	Researcher/Pollster
Congressional Aide	Manuscript Reader	Reviewer
Copywriter	Market Research Analyst	Sales Representative
Corrective Therapist	Marketing Specialist	Teacher (all levels)
Critic, Art/Book	Mass Media Script Reader	TechnicalWriter/Consultant
Crossword Puzzle Developer	Media Planner	Training Specialist
Customer Service Representative	Media Specialist	Translator
Desktop Publisher	Medical Records Worker	Underwriter
Documentation Specialist	Narrator	Video Scriptwriter/Producer
Editor, Film/Video	Narrator	Website Writer/Designer
Editor, Magazine	Paralegal	Writer
Editor, News	Playwright	
	Poet	

*This is only a partial list and not meant to limit you. Come to Career Services to explore your options further.

Strategies:

- Write for campus publications
- Enhance computer skills
- Consider completing a business minor
- Obtain an internship in field of interest
- Tutor others in writing
- Attend plays, movies or literary readings
- Enhance knowledge of media

Resources:

College Central

www.collegecentral.com/gmc

American Society of Journalists & Authors

www.asja.org

Public Relations Society of America

www.prsa.org

National Council for Teachers of English

www.ncte.org

Newspaper Association of America

www.naa.org

Magazine Publishers of America

www.magazine.org

Book Jobs

www.bookjobs.com

Public Relations Society of America Job Center

www.prsa.org/jobcenter

PoeWar

www.poewar.com

O*NET OnLine

<http://online.onetcenter.org>

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/oco

American Society of Magazine Editors

<http://asme.magazine.org>

Modern Language Association

www.mla.org

The Write Job

www.writejobs.com

Public Relations Jobs

www.prcrossing.com

Public Relations

www.nationjob.com/publicrelations

Work in Public Relations

www.marketingjobs.com

PHD

www.phds.com

Journalism Jobs

www.journalismjobs.com

Pa Newspaper Association Internship Guide

www.pa-newspaper.org/web/2005/10/internship_guide.aspx

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