

## What Can I Do With a Major in...

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

\*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 (newspaper/yearbook)
  - \*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 for English Majors:

College Central  
[www.collegecentral.com/gmc](http://www.collegecentral.com/gmc)

American Society of Journalists & Authors  
[www.asja.org](http://www.asja.org)

Public Relations Society of America  
[www.prsa.org](http://www.prsa.org)

National Council for Teachers of English  
[www.ncte.org](http://www.ncte.org)

Newspaper Association of America  
[www.newspapercareerbank.com](http://www.newspapercareerbank.com)

Magazine Publishers of America  
[www.magazine.org/careers](http://www.magazine.org/careers)

Book Jobs  
<http://bookjobs.com>

Public Relations Society of America Job Center  
[www.prsa.org/jobcenter](http://www.prsa.org/jobcenter)

PoeWar  
[www.poewar.com/glossary-of-writing-careers/](http://www.poewar.com/glossary-of-writing-careers/)

Journalism Jobs  
[www.journalismjobs.com](http://www.journalismjobs.com)

O\*NET OnLine  
<http://online.onetcenter.org>

Occupational Outlook Handbook  
[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

American Society of Magazine Editors  
<http://asme.magazine.org>

Modern Language Association  
[www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)

Dice  
[www.dice.com](http://www.dice.com)

Public Relations Jobs  
<http://advertising.about.com/cs/jobsinpr>

Public Relations  
[www.nationjob.com/publicrelations](http://www.nationjob.com/publicrelations)

Work in Public Relations  
[www.marketingjobs.com](http://www.marketingjobs.com)

PHD  
[www.phds.com](http://www.phds.com)

Pa Newspaper Association Internship Guide  
[www.pa-newspaper.org](http://www.pa-newspaper.org) click on PNA  
Foundation>Student Resources> Internship Guide