

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 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	Reporter
Comedy Writer	Lobbyist	Research Assistant Analyst
Communications Manager	Magazine Writer	Researcher (polls, fact checking)
Congressional Aide	Manuscript Reader	Researcher/Pollster
Copywriter	Market Research Analyst	Reviewer
Corrective Therapist	Marketing Specialist	Sales Representative
Critic, Art/Book	Mass Media Script Reader	Teacher (all levels)
Crossword Puzzle Developer	Media Planner	TechnicalWriter/Consultant
Customer Service Representative	Media Specialist	Training Specialist
Desktop Publisher	Medical Records Worker	Translator
Documentation Specialist	Narrator	Underwriter
Editor, Film/Video	Narrator	Video Scriptwriter/Producer
Editor, Magazine	Paralegal	Website Writer/Designer
Editor, News	Playwright	Writer
	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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