

What Can I Do With an English Degree?

As one of the core liberal arts, focused particularly on the interplay between language, culture, and human communication, English helps you develop ways of knowing and acting in the world that are central to both one's personal and professional life.

Students studying English go on to careers in a variety of professions, **including writing, teaching, and publishing**, but the opportunities far exceed these three career areas. Below is a sampling of some the organizations and positions for which English majors have chosen to go on and work:

Literature

- Libraries and museums
- Colleges and universities
- Magazines and newspapers
- Publishing firms or houses
- Radio, television, and movies
- Governmental organizations
- Private and (some) public schools

Positions:

Proofreader
Editor for an Arts Council
Peace Corps

Creative Writing

- Magazines
- Promotional and advertising agencies
- Public relations firms
- Freelance writing
- Colleges and universities
- Publishing firms or houses
- Non-profit organizations

Positions:

Lexicographer
Editor
Copywriter
Arts Council
Columnist
Script Writer
Journalism

Professional Writing & Rhetoric

- Promotional and advertising agencies
- Non-profit organizations and public service agencies
- Public relations firms
- Colleges and universities
- High-tech firms
- Publishing firms or houses
- Hospitals or research centers
- Special interest groups (lobbies)
- Governmental agencies
- Law firms and corporate legal offices

Positions:

Researcher
Public Opinion Analyst
Grant Writer
Copy Editor
Document Analyst
Legal Assistant
Information Specialist

Teaching Licensure

- Public schools
- Private schools
- Educational organizations
- Instructional design organizations
- Tutoring

Positions:

Education Specialist
English as a Second Language specialist
College Administrator