

English

Transferable Skills

A liberal arts degree in general, reflects a comprehensive education emphasizing analytical skills, critical thinking and communication skills; abilities in high demand for all employers. Concentrating your studies in a major allows you to also gain specific transferable skills of interest to particular employers and industries.

Graduates with a major in English are attractive to employers due to their abilities in the following areas:

- Possess wide knowledge of historical information
- Possess ability to creatively teach concepts
- Attention to detail
- Ability to make critical observations and evaluations
- Ability to think clearly and form arguments
- Careful record keeping
- Wide ranging curiosity
- Comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary
- Excellent skills in oral and written expression
- Proficiency in analytical reasoning
- Possess a diversity of knowledge across many topics
- Ability to quickly digest large amounts of information
- Ability to think logically and critically and make analogies
- Aware of intercultural conflicts and perspectives
- Ability to understand ideas and values
- Strong research skills
- Excellent proficiency in reading, speaking and writing
- Possess strong skills in computer technology

Range of Example Positions held by English Majors

Please note that some of these positions require an advanced degree. For more information and descriptions of these careers, visit [O*NET On-line](#).

- Account Supervisor-Marketing
- Advertising Copywriter
- Arts Educator
- Author
- College Professor
- Columnist
- Critic
- Curator
- Editorial Writer or Assistant
- English Teacher
- Foreign Correspondent
- Freelance Writer
- Fundraiser
- Historic Preservationist
- Human Resources Manager
- Instructional Media Specialist
- International Business Officer
- Interpreter
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Manager/Supervisor
- Market Researcher
- Museum Exhibit Programmer
- News Analyst
- Playwright
- Production Assistant
- Proposal Writer
- Public Relations Consultant
- Publisher
- Researcher
- Scientific Writer
- Scientific Writing
- Screenwriter
- Social Worker
- Television Producer
- Translator
- Travel Writer
- Webmaster/Content Writer
- Writer's Assistant

Professional Associations

Professional associations or organizations can be a great way to meet, learn from and network with professionals in your field of interest. Inexpensive student memberships are often available. These are only a sampling of professional associations. Be sure to search for others that may be applicable or helpful.

- [American Library Association](#)
- [Association for Women in Communication](#)
- [Children's Literature Association](#)
- [Institute of General Semantics](#)
- [List of Small presses of Color](#)
- [National Council of Teachers of English](#)
- [Renaissance Society of America](#)
- [Women's National Book Association](#)