

What can I do with a major in... English?

A major in English will prepare you for a variety of careers, whether you choose to become an English teacher or apply your skills and knowledge in other work environments. The following list contains sample job titles of CMU graduates who majored in English. This list represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you may consider.

Career Titles for an English Major:

- Account Executive
- Advertising Copywriter
- Columnist/Commentator
- Communications Manager
- Congressional Aide
- Copywriter
- Desktop Publisher
- Editorial Assistant
- Freelance Writer/Consultant
- Journalist
- Lobbyist
- Magazine Writer
- Management Trainee
- Media Planner
- Proofreader
- Public Relations Writer
- Publishing Assistant
- Sales/Service Manager
- Speech Writer
- Technical Writer

Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation usually are those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate for a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelor's degree.

Professional Skills Acquired Through a Major in English

Many occupations in today's working world require college-educated individuals who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with a team. In addition to opening the door to numerous career possibilities in this field, a major in English will help you develop the fundamental skills that many employers in many other professions are seeking in their employees.

Skills and qualities acquired through a major in English may include:

- Analytical thinking
- Creative writing
- Critical thinking
- Developing hypotheses
- Editing
- Idea clarification
- Independent thinking
- Influence and persuasion
- Information gathering
- Interpretation
- Oral and written communication
- Presenting alternative viewpoints
- Problem solving
- Public speaking
- Seeing connections
- Summarizing ideas

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