



What Can I Do with a Major in... English

Possible Career Options

(some career areas require advanced education)

Abstract Writer
Actor/Actress
Advertising Copywriter
Advertising Executive
Arts Administrator
Bibliographer
Consumer Affairs Investigator
Copy Editor
Corporate Communications Critic
Customer Service Representative
Editor
English/Literature Professor
Feature Writer
Fund Raiser
Grant Writer
Journalist
Legal Assistant
Legislative Aide
Lexicographer
Librarian
Literary Agent
Lobbyist
Manuscript Reader
Market Research Analyst
Media Planner
Newspaper/Magazine Journalist
Office Manager
Poet
Policy & Procedures Analyst
Political Campaign Organizer
Proofreader
Public Affairs Coordinator
Public Relations Specialist
Publisher
Radio/TV Announcer
Radio/TV Program Assistant
Reporter
Researcher
School Administrator
Screen/Television Script Writer
Senior Editor
Song Writer Specialist
Speech Writer
Technical Writer/Communicator
Writer/Author
Writing Center Director

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Leadership/Management Skills

- Conceptualizing
- Managing time, energy and resource effectively
- Working with others as in collaborating/peer editing/designing projects
- Ability to work in a self-directed manner organizing

Communication/Writing Skills

- Comprehending written material
- Writing factual material clearly and concisely
- Reporting accurately
- Writing effectively
- Describing objects or events with a minimum of error
- Critiquing, editing, proofreading
- Identifying and communicating value judgments effectively

Research/Analytical Skills

- Understanding and using organizing principles
- Developing new approaches to problems
- Formulating questions to clarify a particular problem or issue
- Writing proposals
- Evaluating information against appropriate standards
- Editing
- Using a variety of sources of information
- Analyzing the interrelationships of events and ideas from several perspectives
- Synthesizing multiple sources

Artistic/Creative Skills

- Creative writing
- Dealing creatively with symbols and images

Other Skills

- Typing/computer word processing skills
- Reaction to literature in a full and integrated manner
- Recognize rhetorical context
- Studying language used in variety of texts

Print and Web Resources

OCS Books

Careers for Writers and Others Who Have a Way With Words

How to Put Your Book Together and Get a Job in Advertising

Liberal Arts Advantage

Starting Your Career as a Freelance Writer

Teaching English Abroad

The Career Guide for Creative and Unconventional People

*The Renegade Writer: A Totally Unconventional Guide to
Freelance Writing Success*

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Online Career Resources

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos089.htm (Writers and Editors)

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos088.htm (News Reporters)

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos086.htm (Public Relations)

Internship Electronic Resources

After College

www.aftercollege.com

Idealist and Action Without Borders

www.idealists.org

Local Internships

www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi

Employment Opportunity Electronic Resources

Editor and Publisher

www.editorandpublisher.com

Elance Marketplace

www.elance.com

English Job Maze

www.englishjobmaze.com

The Write Jobs

www.writejobs.com

Spotlight on Careers

www.spotlightoncareers.org

**More resource links are available at the Office of
Career Services website:**

www.hope.edu/student/career

Professional Associations

Academy of American Poets

www.poets.org

American Literature Association

www.calstatela.edu/academic/english/ala2

American Society of Authors and Writers

www.amsaw.org

American Society of Magazine Editors

www.magazine.org

American Society of Journalist and Authors

www.asja.org

American Society of Newspaper Editors

www.asne.org

Association of American Publishers

www.publishers.org

International Reading Association

www.reading.org

Modern Language Association of American

www.mla.org

National Association of Women Writers

www.naww.org

National Council of Teachers of English

www.ncte.org

National Writers Union

www.nwu.org

Society for Technical Communication

www.stc.org

Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators

www.scbwi.org

Women's National Book Association

www.wnba-books.org

Writers Guild of America, West

www.wga.org

Hope Graduates in the English World

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| Advertising Sales..... | Crain's Chicago Business |
| Associate Managing Editor..... | William B. Eerdmans Publishing |
| Associate Professor of Linguistics..... | Northern Illinois University |
| Church Source Coordinator..... | Zondervan |
| Consumer Research Manager..... | AT&T |
| Desk Top Publishing Specialist/Technical Writer..... | Vulcan, Inc. |
| Development Director..... | Grand Rapids Ballet |
| Director of Communications..... | Greater Ottawa County United Way |
| Director of Minority Language Ministries..... | World Home Bible League |
| Editor—Seven Ball & Release Magazines..... | Old Hickory Media Group |
| Editor..... | Instructional Fair Publishing |
| Editor/Graphic Designer..... | Egger Publishing |
| Editor in Chief..... | Crane Hill Publishers |
| English Professor..... | Notre Dame University |
| English Professor..... | University of Kansas |
| Event Planner..... | Shoreline Creations |
| Grant Manager..... | Princeton University |
| Grant Writer..... | WGVU-PBS/NPR at GVSU |
| Law Librarian..... | Grayson County Library |
| Magazine Editor..... | Focus on the Family |
| Manuscript Editor..... | University of Chicago Press |
| Media Planner/Buyer..... | Starcom MediaVest Group |
| Poet/Writer..... | Passaic Community College |
| Professor of English..... | Penn State University |
| Promotions Manager..... | Zondervan |
| Public Relations..... | Edelman PR Worldwide |
| Publications Coordinator..... | West Michigan Tourist Association |
| Reporter..... | Grand Rapids Press |
| Senior Writer..... | Newsweek |
| Social Sciences Editor..... | Encyclopedia Britannica |
| Staff Writer..... | Ravi Zacharias International Ministries |
| Technical Writer..... | Adobe Systems |