

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ENGLISH?

CAREER INFORMATION FOR MAJOR IN ENGLISH

This handout provides sources of career information for **English Majors**. There are different career options available in the field of **English**. Below is a sample of some of the types of positions for graduates with major in **English**. Please note that you might require further education and experience for some positions.

SKILLS DEVELOPED BY ENGLISH STUDENTS

- Confidence in opinions developed
- Extensive command of vocabulary and terminology
- Persuasive speech and writing ability
- Critical thinking skills and opinion development
- Tolerance and ambivalence in the opinions of others
- Imperative reasoning and analysis skills
- Cohesive collaborative working skills
- Working with others while presenting ideas and information
- Precise conveyance of meaning
- Effective Time Management skills
- Leadership in discussions
- Crucial point selection from texts

SELECTED CAREERS IN ENGLISH

Arts, Culture and Recreation

- Author
- Publisher
- Historian
- Receptionist
- Technical Writer
- Software Documentation Writer
- Communications Specialist
- Publications Editor
- Librarian
- Social Media Coordinator
- Director/Casting Director
- Film, Television, or Journalism Broadcaster
- Editor
- Publications Specialist
- Print Journalist

Social Sciences and Education

- Administrative Assistant
- Motivational Speaker
- Guidance Counselor
- Teacher
- Lawyer
- Database Report Writer
- Paralegal / Legal Assistant
- Legal Secretary
- Project Proposal Writer
- Translator
- Sign Language Interpreter
- Academic Advisor
- Correctional Officer-Provincial Gov't
- Lawyer

Business and Administration

- Advertising
- Human Resource Specialist
- Marketing and Communications Writer
- Online Marketing Content Writer
- Marketing Coordinator
- Public Relations Specialist
- Customer Service Representative
- Underwriter – Insurance
- Corporate Trainer
- Program Director
- Manager

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE ENGLISH GRADUATES

- Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Forbes Magazine
- People Magazine
- Time Magazine
- Microsoft Corporation
- The Chronicle Herald
- EchoStar communications
- Goldman Sachs Group
- Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)
- The Chronicle Herald
- Royal LePage
- AIG Life of Canada
- District School Boards
- The Walt Disney Company
- Government departments (all levels)
- Market Research Companies
- Public Relations and Advertising Firms
- Publishing Companies
- Boards of Education
- Libraries
- Universities & Colleges
- Financial Institutions
- Museums
- Not-for-profit agencies
- Government/Courts/Police
- Media Companies

ENGLISH JOBS

ACCUTE Job List

<http://www.accute.ca/joblist.html>

Jobs Landing English

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/jobs/index.html>

Talent Egg

<http://www.talentegg.ca>

Official ESL Jobs Website

<http://www.esljobs.com>

Monster Job Search

<http://jobsearch.monster.ca/>

Workopolis Job search

<http://www.workopolis.com/EN/Common/SearchJobs.aspx?DisplayMode=New>

ENGLISH ASSOCIATIONS

Editor's Association of Canada

<http://www.editors.ca>

Canadian Library Association (CLA)

<http://www.cla.ca>

Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA)

<http://www.nsla.ns.ca>

Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English (ACCUTE)

<http://www.accute.ca>

Professional Writers' Association of Canada (PWAC)

<http://www.cla.ca>

CAREER RESOURCE LIBRARY FOR ENGLISH STUDENTS (BOOKS)

- Great Jobs for English Majors: By Julie DeGalan, Stephen E. Lambert
- The Employment of English: Theory, Jobs and the Future of Literary Studies By Michael Bérubé
- Careers in English Language Teaching: By Ben Ward

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