

What Can I Do With My English Major?

As an English major, you have learned to think critically and communicate ideas clearly and effectively. No matter what career path you follow, these skills will serve you well.

Many English majors find careers in these fields:

Grant Writing, Editing, Education (including teaching English as a second language), Broadcasting, Trade and Academic Publishing, Advertising, Business Communications, Technical Writing, Politics, Creative Writing, Law, Library Science, Journalism.

Learn More:

Career Library Online: This comprehensive resource provides you with career profiles, occupation surveys, sample resumes, and much more. Randall Library provides access to this site. [From the Library's main page, go to 'Article and eResources'; then choose 'General Reference' in the second box in the middle column.]

What Can I Do with a Degree in English? <http://www.villanova.edu/vpaa/assets/documents/careers/pdf/english.pdf>

This PDF provides information about the many jobs you can pursue with a B.A. in English; it also offers strategies to help you along the way.

Career Services: You may want to make an appointment to meet with someone in UNCW's Career Services Center, which offers guidance to both current students and alumni: <http://www.uncwil.edu/STUAff/career/>

Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor: This site allows you to see employment data as well as learn more about training and opportunities for advancement within a variety of fields: <http://stats.bls.gov/>

(You might, for example, look at the "Occupational Outlook Handbook" for writers and editors:

<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos089.htm>)

Working and Volunteering in the U.S. and Abroad: Selected Sites

<http://www.transitionsabroad.com/> A "portal for work abroad, study abroad, cultural travel and living overseas."

<http://www.worldteach.org/> WorldTeach sends individuals to a variety of countries, including China, Ecuador, and Thailand. While these positions are voluntary, WorldTeach does provide a living allowance. Volunteers have the opportunity to live with a host family and immerse themselves in the life of the community.

<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html>

The Fulbright Program "is the largest U.S. international exchange program offering opportunities for students, scholars, and professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide." Through it, "U.S. students, teachers, professionals, and scholars. . . study, teach, lecture, and conduct research in more than 155 countries."

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

Since 1960 "more than 195,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 host countries to work on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation."

<http://www.americorps.gov/>

AmeriCorps is often referred to as 'the domestic Peace Corps.'

<http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/goingabroad.htm>

UNCW's Career Center offers a variety of resources to help you explore international opportunities.