



What can I do with a major in... **ENGLISH - Literature Concentration**

The literature concentration prepares students to pursue graduate work in English, as well as careers in fields such as ministry, law, business, and teaching. In the literature concentration, students sharpen their critical thinking, reading, and writing skills as they analyze and write about American, British, classical, and multicultural literature. Electives allow students to focus on specific authors, genres, periods, and themes.

What types of work are related to this degree?

- Media and journalism
- Publishing
- Curriculum development
- Copywriting
- Technical writing
- Database development
- Public relations
- Teaching
- Law
- Research
- Editing
- Freelance writing/consulting
- Corporate communication
- Journalist
- Book critic

Who employs people with this degree?

- Universities and colleges
- Testing companies
- Consulting firms
- Publishers
- Small-to-mid size businesses
- Mid-to-large size businesses
- Law firms
- Newspapers
- Self-employed/freelance
- Technical industries
- Magazines
- Libraries
- Museums
- Non-profits
- Public relations firms

**More information online
at ONETonline.org**

Strategies for Success:

- English Literature is a non-vocational degree, which means it is not geared toward a specific career path, rather it provides you with skills that can be applied in various careers.
- English Literature builds strong analysis skills which can be utilized in many different fields.
- A major in English is good preparation for continued graduate or professional training in areas such as English, law, political science/government, public administration, communications, and seminary.
- Consider obtaining additional areas of expertise (e.g. journalism, broadcasting, politics) for more specialized positions.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals in your desired line of work.
- Pursue an internship that gives you relevant experience.
- Join professional associations. Attend their conferences and read their journals.

Professional Associations:

- Magazine Publishers of America
- Association of American Publishers
- Society for Technical Communication
- American Copy Editors Society
- National Council of Teachers of English

- The Association of Literary Scholars, Critics and Writers
- American Comparative Literature Association
- National Newspaper Publishers Association
- American Medical Writers Association

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career Development or check out our online resources on our website or on theROCK, Career Development tab.