

What you can do with a degree in

English

 CENTER FOR CAREER & CALLING

The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to English.

Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major.

Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

Sample Job Titles:

-
- | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • Administrative Officer | • Creative Writer | • Multimedia Writer | • Radio/Television Coordinator |
| • Advertising Associate | • Critic | • Newspaper Editor | • Reporter |
| • Announcer (Radio, TV) | • Editor | • Non-Profit Director | • Research Assistant |
| • Archivist | • Educator/Trainer | • Novelist/Writer | • Restaurant Critic |
| • Assignment Editor | • Film and Video Editor | • Marketing Specialist | • Science Writer |
| • Author | • Food Writer | • News Writer | • Screenwriter/Scriptwriter |
| • Bibliographer | • Foreign Service Officer | • Overseas Teacher | • Social Worker |
| • Book Critic | • Freelance Writer | • Patient Advocate | • Speech Writer |
| • Book Packager | • Ghostwriter/Collaborator | • Permissions Editor | • Staff Writer |
| • Book Publicist | | • Personnel Director | • Teacher/Professor |
| • Bookkeeper | • Grant writer | • Playwright | • Technical Writer |
| • Broadcasting | • Information Manager | • Poets | • Travel Guide Writer |
| • Business Writer | • Interpreter/Translator | • Private School Teacher | • Tutor |
| • Children's Book Writer | • Job Analyst | • Professional Blogger | • Translator |
| • Columnist/Commentator | • Journalist | • Proofreader | • Underwriter |
| • Community Relations Worker | • Lawyer Literary Agent | • Public Relations Manager | |
| • Correspondent | • Librarian/Library Assistant | • Public Relations Specialist | |
| • Copy Editor | • Lyricists | • Radio/Television Announcer | |
| • Copywriter | • Magazine Publisher | | |
| | • Mediator | | |

Possible Professional Settings:

-
- | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| • Advertising | • Entertainment Companies | • Local and State Government | • Public Service Organization |
| • Banks | • Federal Agencies | • Magazine & Newspaper Publishers | • Research & Development Firms |
| • Book Publishers | • Financial Institutions | • Motion Pictures | • Technical Companies |
| • Businesses & Corporations | • Human Resource Departments | • Museums | • Theater |
| • Broadcast Media | • Insurance Companies | • Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) | • Trade Publications |
| • Chemical & Drug Companies | • International Education Institutions and Organizations | • Non-Profit Organizations | • Travel & Tourism |
| • Churches | • Legal Firms | • Philanthropic Foundations | |
| • Colleges/Universities | • Libraries | • Political Action Groups | |
| • Schools/School Districts | • Local School Boards | • Public Relations Firms | |
| • Communications Departments | | | |
| • Engineering Firms | | | |

Resources:

The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.*

Websites Related to this Field

- Publishers Weekly: www.publishersweekly.com
- The Write Jobs: www.writerswrite.com/writejobs/
- Amity Teachers Program: <http://www.amityteachers.com/>
- English Language Institute: <http://www.elic.org/>

Professional Associations - Samples

- American Comparative Literature Association: www.acla.org
- American Society of Magazine Editors: <http://www.magazine.org//asme>
- Modern Language Association: www.mla.org
- American Society of Newspaper Editors: www.members.newsleaders.org
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications: www.aejmc.org
- Association for Women in Communications: www.womcom.org
- International Labor Communications Association: www.ilcaonline.org
- Journalism Education Association: www.jea.org
- National Council of Teachers of English: www.ncte.org
- The Association of American Publishers: www.publishers.org
- The Independent Book Publishers Association: www.ibpa-online.org
- Digital Context Next: <https://digitalcontentnext.org/>
- Northwest Independent Editors Guild: <http://www.edsguild.org>

Sample Internship Sites & Volunteer Opportunities

- <https://spu.edu/administration/center-career-calling/prepare/finding-an-internship/internship-locations>
- <http://transitionsabroad.com/>
- <http://www.goabroad.com/>

General Careers Information

- Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh/
- O*Net: www.onetonline.org

SPU Resources for Choosing a Major

- English Department Website: <http://spu.edu/depts/english/>
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 - 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: www.spu.edu/depts/sas
- Academic Catalog: www.spu.edu/academics.aspx

* Websites are current as of August 2020. If any go inactive, please let us know.