



WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN ENGLISH?

When you tell a friend that you want to major in English, do you sometimes hear, "Sounds like fun, but what are you going to do with it?" Well, your answer should be, "Plenty!" Consider your possibilities.

Prepare for the Professions

A degree in English prepares you well for additional education and training. Graduate schools are often less interested in specialized knowledge than they are in your ability to think critically and creatively, communicate effectively, and read closely and carefully. Many English graduates enroll in:

- M.A., M.F.A. and Ph.D programs in English and other academic disciplines
- Law School
- Library Science programs
- Museum Studies
- MBA/Business programs
- Public Administration

Connect With the Public

With an ability to write well and read closely, you can work as a speech writer, analyst, or public relations representative. English majors have found their place as liaisons between the public and corporations, government agencies, politicians, and institutions related to the arts.



Write for Business

We live in a world immersed in computer programs, consumer products, and government documents, and all these professions demand writers who can help consumers and clients use their products.

Raise Money

Schools, non-profit organizations, corporations, and small businesses all need grant writers and fundraisers who know how to research and craft grant proposals to persuade potential donors.

Edit

As an English major, you will develop a keen eye and a sharp pencil that will serve you well as an editor, writer, and manuscript evaluator in a variety of industries: literary studies, science, government agencies, as well as specific business organizations.

Create

It's hard to count the number of TV shows and films we watch everyday, and each of those programs needs a team of writers and editors.

Freelance

Magazines and newspapers are always interested in well-written and researched articles. And don't forget the vast number of online and hardcopy newsletters, bulletins, and industry publications that require writers and editors.

Advertise

Sensitive to the nuances of word and image, advertising and marketing firms value those who can use language to entice and persuade.

Teach

One of the most common careers for students of English is teaching. Every K-12 school needs instructors who can teach Language Arts: reading, writing, research, documentation, and basic language mechanics.

And That's Just a Start

Sometimes we forget that a degree in English means that you have a set of skills and abilities that prepare you for more careers than we can list here. By reading, interpreting, and evaluating complex literature, theories, and criticism, you will learn to organize ideas, assert and defend claims, and research. Employers will value your ability to solve problems and present ideas in effective language to a wide range of audiences. You will think critically, having learned to weigh evidence, identify assumptions, evaluate persuasive appeals, and recognize faulty reasoning. Employers want smart, flexible, and creative employees, all hallmarks of a Colorado Mesa University graduate in English.



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