

What Can You Do with an English Major?



The best thing about the English major is that it doesn't restrict you to one narrow set of vocational options. English majors find work in marketing, management and other business-related fields. While many skills can be learned "on the job," **the communication and writing skills that English majors bring to the job market can only be developed during a period of time—the kind of time that it takes to get a well-rounded liberal arts education.**

If you can write well, think and organize ideas, analyze and research, you have skills that are useful in a wide variety of jobs. The trick is to know what interests you, what you do well, what you would like to learn and experience.

At the same time that you are reading, writing and thinking about college subjects, ask yourself what it is that you enjoy most about English and explore different options for putting your education to use. **Part-time jobs, internships, volunteer work and student organizations are all opportunities to identify your strengths and interests.** As graduation approaches, think of careers that combine these strengths and interests. Remember that sometimes a job that doesn't excite you right now may be the stepping stone to a career where your English degree will bring you the highest rewards.

Some Careers for English Majors Other than Teaching High School

Communication Specialist
Marketing
Fundraising
Technical or Professional Writing
Social Media Management
Web Design
Newsletter Editor
Public Relations
Event Planner
Archivist

Some Careers Requiring Further Education that Often Interest English Majors

Library Science
Law
Counseling
University teaching

For more ideas, check out the bulletin board in Peck Hall.

*For help matching your interests with specific jobs, visit the MTSU Career Development Center (KUC 328)
mtsu.edu/career.*