



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

The linguistics concentration prepares students to pursue graduate work in linguistics, as well as careers in fields such as intercultural studies, translation, anthropology, and comparative studies. In the linguistics concentration, students sharpen their critical thinking, reading, and writing skills as they examine core areas of linguistic studies (e.g., phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, theory of second language acquisition, and sociolinguistics).

What types of work are related to this degree?

Research
Curriculum development
Foreign language instruction
Information/library science
Search engine optimization
Database development
Language documentation
Text mining research
Translation
Interpretation
Forensic linguistics
Speech pathology
Research
Editing
Teaching

Who employs people with this degree?

Universities and colleges
Language institutes
Testing companies
Search engine companies
Computer companies
Software developers
Police departments
Federal Government
Hospitals
Speech, language & learning centers
Developmental learning centers
Consulting firms
Publishers
International businesses
Law firms

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Strategies for Success:

- Depending on your desired line of work, a Master's or Doctoral degree could be required. Be sure you learn about the graduate school admissions process in order to prepare yourself appropriately.
- Electives allow space for you study a particular area in more depth. Common areas of study that are paired with linguistics include: foreign language, computer science, and psychology.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals in your desired line of work and learn more about their career journey. This will help inform your career and professional development.
- Consider studying abroad as a supplement to your education.
- Read professional journals and educate yourself on current trends in the field.
- Pursue an internship that gives you relevant experience.

Professional Associations:

Linguistic Society of America
American Association for Applied Linguistics
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Association for Computation Linguistics
Association for Linguistic Typology

International Cognitive Linguistics Association
Society for Linguistic Anthropology
International Linguistics Association

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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

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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

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

The literature and writing concentration prepares students to pursue graduate work in English, as well as careers in fields such as the ministry, law, business, teaching, technical writing, publishing, and freelancing. In the literature and writing concentration, students sharpen their critical thinking, reading, and writing skills as they analyze and write about literary texts and as they engage in three primary genres of writing: creative, expository, and technical.

What types of work are related to this degree?

Creative writing
Grant and proposal writing
Technical writing and editing
Media and journalism
Publishing
Curriculum development
Copywriting
Public relations
Teaching
Law
Research
Editing
Freelance writing/consulting
Corporate communication
Journalist

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Publishers
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Mid-to-large size businesses
Law firms
Newspapers
Technical industries
Magazines
Libraries
Public relations firms
Non-profits
Self-employed/freelance
Educational publishing

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Strategies for Success:

- Pursuing an English major with a literature and writing concentration can be good preparation for graduate or professional training in areas such as English, law, political science, religious studies, etc.
- Develop a specialty area of interest via additional coursework and/or work experience for greater marketability within that specific career field.
- For fields such as technical writing, finance writing, legal writing or other specialties in writing, research the needed education and/or professional certifications.
- Consider cultivating other career opportunities to supplement a freelance writing income.
- Experience is key! Seek out any opportunity (paid or unpaid) to write so you can gain experience, network and build a solid portfolio.

Professional Associations:

Magazine Publishers of America
Association of American Publishers
Society for Technical Communication
American Copy Editors Society
American Society of Newspaper Editors

National Council of Teachers of English
The Association of Literary Scholars, Critics and Writers
National Newspaper Publishers Association
American Medical Writers Association
American Grant Writers' Association

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

The writing concentration prepares students to pursue graduate work in English, as well as careers in fields such as technical writing, publishing, and freelancing. In the writing concentration, students sharpen their critical thinking, reading, and writing skills as they engage in three primary genres of writing: creative, expository, and technical.

What types of work are related to this degree?

Creative writing
Grant and proposal writing
Technical writing and editing
Media and journalism
Publishing
Curriculum development
Copywriting
Public relations
Teaching (Non-licensure)
Law/unions
Research
Editing

Corporate communication
Journalist
Legal transcription
Freelance writing/consulting

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- An English major with a writing concentration can be good preparation for graduate or professional training in areas such as English, law, political science, religious studies, etc.

Professional Associations:

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