

# English-Literature

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 Type 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 at [ONETonline.org](https://www.onetonline.org)

### General 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