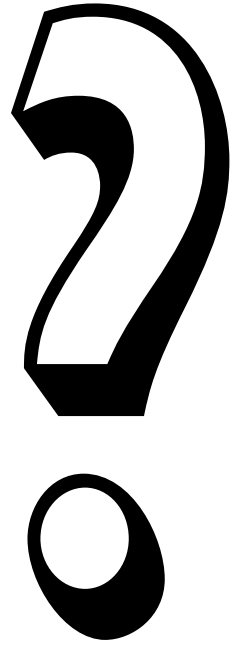


What could I do with a degree in English



The good news is half of all vacancies for recent graduates are open to those with a degree in any discipline including yours! The remaining careers require specific training or education — some of which you are already qualified for. Be prepared; you will soon find that no degree on its own is enough to get you a job.

Each employer will be seeking different sets of skills and some of them will come from your degree. You will need to actively develop any missing required skills through work, volunteer, and extra-curricular experiences to gain a competitive advantage. Start by using this guide to help you brainstorm potential careers of interest, and continue by researching specific occupations in the Career Resource Library. Career profiles with a check mark (✓) can be viewed using Career Cruising and Career Descriptions binders, both available at the Career Centre.

What are my direct career options?

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| ✓ Author | ✓ Journalist | ✓ School counsellor |
| ✓ Administrative assistant | ✓ Historian | • Speech writer |
| ✓ Editor | ✓ Motivational speaker | ✓ Teacher |
| ✓ Librarian | ✓ Receptionist | ✓ Technical writer |

What are my alternative career options?

Art, culture, recreation, and sports	✓ Casting director ✓ Communication specialist ✓ Film editor ✓ Information specialist	✓ Publisher ✓ Sign language interpreter ✓ Sports administrator ✓ Translator
Social sciences, education, and religion	✓ Clergy ✓ Community worker • Customs inspector ✓ Lawyer	✓ Lobbyist ✓ Mediator ✓ Political aide ✓ Paralegal
Business, finance, and Administration	✓ Advertising ✓ Human resource specialist	✓ Marketing ✓ Public relations specialist
Sales and services	✓ Flight attendant ✓ Hotel manager	✓ Sales representative ✓ Travel agent
Health	✓ Health care administrator ✓ Speech-Language Pathologist	
Natural and applied sciences	✓ Air traffic controller ✓ Computer trainer	
Trades, apprenticeships, and primary industry	✓ Carpenter ✓ Florist	



What skills will I develop studying English?

Communication

- Persuade and influence readers
- Assess the needs of the audience
- Clarify ideas and present all viewpoints

Analysis

- Summarize ideas
- Develop critical evaluations
- Attention to detail

Writing

- Edit and write creatively
- Interpret data
- Draft documents

Research

- Design and direct projects
- Gather information
- Use information resources

Where have previous graduates worked?

Financial, insurance and real estate

- AIG Life of Canada
- Royal LePage

Education

- Toronto District School Board
- University of Toronto

Computer Industry

- Microsoft Corporation
- Dell Inc.

Wholesale and retail

- Pottery Barn
- Hudson's Bay Company

Art, Culture and Entertainment

- American Broadcasting Company (ABC)
- CN Tower
- Forbes Magazine
- National Broadcasting Company (NBC)
- People Magazine
- Toronto Star
- Time Magazine

Government

- Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Government departments (all levels)

Did you know...

- The words assassination, auspicious, courtship and critic were invented by Shakespeare.
- The word "lethologica" describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want.
- Christopher Reeve, Geoffrey Rush, James Van Der Beek, and Chevy Chase were all English majors

Where can I find more information?

Books

- *Careers for Bookworms and Other Literary Types* — Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler
- *I'm an English Major - Now What?* — Tim Lemire
- *Great Jobs for English Majors* — Julie Degalan and Stephen Lambert

Web links

- The Modern Language Association — www.mla.org
- Writing at the University of Toronto — www.utoronto.ca/writing
- University of Toronto English Library — www.library.utoronto.ca/utel

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