

English

Introduction

The English major at Guilford College focuses on the literatures of the English-speaking world, with an emphasis on British and American writers. An excellent major for any student seeking a broad liberal arts education, the English major involves study of that form of art through which humankind has constantly struggled to express most fully the central concerns of the human condition as understood in each age. With its emphasis on developing students' abilities to express their perceptions and analyses in dialogue and writing, the English major offers excellent preparation for work in a variety of professions.

The analytical and writing skills developed in the study of literature are precisely those required of lawyers and business executives. Students considering careers in business or law might choose to major in English and pursue a concentration in accounting, business management, money and finance, computing and information technology, history, or political science. Students desiring careers in journalism, technical writing, television, or advertising would do well to major in English and pursue the communications concentration. Students planning careers in secondary education are required to double major in education studies and English. For those not desiring a double major, an A.B. in English followed by and M.A. in teaching is a good alternative. Advisers from both education studies and English provide a developmental support program for prospective teachers of English, helping students in all aspects of their program and assuring that requirements are satisfied.

[Guilford Catalog Information](#)

Related Career Titles for English Majors (some career paths may require additional study or experience)

Public Relations Assistant	Assistant Scientific Writer
Teacher	Bank Officer
Management Trainee	Biographer
Mass Media Assistant	Book Critic
Publishing Assistant	City Manager
Editorial Assistant	Professor
Technical Writer	Congressional Aide
Journalist	Corrective Therapist
Copy Writer	Creative Writer
Research Journalist	Curator
Public Information Specialist	Desktop Publisher
Entertainment Agent	Director
Account Executive	Reading Consultant
Editorial Writer	Researcher/Pollster
Legal Assistant	Retail Sales
Proofreader	Technical Consultant
Freelance Writer	Training Specialist
Circulation Assistant	Editor
Comedy Writer	Educational Program Specialist
Marketing Assistant	Entertainment Agent
Librarian	Fashion Merchandiser
Greeting Card Writer	Foreign Correspondent
In-house Editor	Fundraiser
Acquisition Editor	Hearing Officer
Paralegal	Hotel/Motel Manager
Assistant Buyer	Human Resources Specialist
Publicity Assistant	Human Service Practitioner
Research Aide	Humorist/Comedian
Customer Service Representative	Information Abstractor
Social Welfare Examiner	Insurance Agent
Administrative Assistant	Interior Designer
Actor/Actress	Interpreter/Translator
Documentation Specialist	Investment Counselor/Manager
Attorney	Labor Relations Specialist
Author	Legal Assistant

Sales Representative
Script Reader
Social Worker
Insurance Underwriter
Video Scriptwriter/Producer
Literary Agent
Loan Officer
Lobbyist
Magazine Writer
Manuscript Trainee
Market Researcher
Marketing Specialist
Marketing Writer
Media Planner
Narrator

Personnel Manager
Playwright
Poet
Politician
Probation and Parole Writer
Product Manager
Program Manager
Public Speaker
Publishing Assistant
Special Events Coordinator
Speech Writer
Stockbroker
Bookstore Manager
English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher

Related Major Skills

- 📖 Good clarifying and questioning skills
- 📖 Proficiency in writing and speaking
- 📖 Adapting and generating ideas
- 📖 Ability to conduct and explain research
- 📖 Ability to concentrate for long periods
- 📖 Organizing ideas, materials, and people
- 📖 Developing and supporting hypotheses
- 📖 Editing skills
- 📖 Good clarifying and questioning skills
- 📖 Proficiency in writing and speaking
- 📖 Adapting and generating ideas
- 📖 Creativity
- 📖 Influence and persuade through communication
- 📖 Thinking independently
- 📖 Ability to read articulately and analytically
- 📖 Adaptable to change
- 📖 Ability to make critical observations

Related Web Sites

Job Listings/Job Search

Advertising Job Bank <http://pwr.com/ADJOBANK/>
Jobs in Internet Advertising <http://www.webadvertisingjobs.com/>
Sales, Advertising, and Marketing Jobs <http://www.marketingjobs.com/>
Media Jobs in Film, TV, and Radio <http://www.tvandradiojobs.com/>
The Write Jobs <http://www.writerswrite.com/jobs/>
Broadcast Employment Services http://www.tvjobs.com/index_a.htm
Job Link for Journalists <http://www.newslink.org/joblink.html>
NationJob—Advertising and Media Jobs Page <http://www.nationjob.com/media/>
The Chronicle of Higher Education Career Network <http://chronicle.com/jobs/>
SunOasis Jobs for Writers, Editors, and Copywriters <http://www.sun oasis.com/>
MonsterTRAK <http://www.monstertrak.com/>
Job Listings for Artists and Writers <http://www.artistresource.org/jobs.htm>
Creative Freelancers <http://www.freelancers.com/>

Career Planning and Information

“Working Your Degree”: English http://money.cnn.com/2000/09/01/career/q_degreeenglish/
Practical Jobs for English Majors... That Don't Involve 30 Adolescent Children <http://www.hanover.edu/english/jobideas.html>
Careers in English: Numerous Opportunities <http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Academic/AHSS/English/career/beyond.htm>
Glossary of Writing Careers <http://www.poewar.com/articles/careerlist.htm>
Jobs for English Majors (and Other Smart People) <http://www.iusb.edu/~eng/careers.html>
AuthorLink Information for Editors, Agents, Writers, and Readers <http://www.authorlink.com/index.html>

Organizations and Associations

Investigative Reports and Editors, Inc. <http://www.ire.org>
American Copy Editors Society <http://www.copydesk.org/>

American Society of Journalists and Authors <http://www.asja.org/index9.php>
Public Relations Society of America <http://www.prsa.org/>
Society for Technical Communication <http://www.stc.org/>
The PR Network <http://www.theprnetwork.com/>
American Society of Magazine Editors <http://asme.magazine.org/>
Association of American Publishers <http://www.publishers.org/>
National Council of Teachers of English <http://www.ncte.org/>
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages <http://www.tesol.org/index.html>
Modern Language Association <http://www.mla.org/>

Miscellaneous Resources

Guilford College English Department <http://www.guilford.edu/pages/modules/10000/depts/english/>
Names of Famous English Majors <http://www.msstate.edu/dept/english/EnCelebs.html>
Salon Magazine Article about the Job Market for English PhDs <http://www.salon.com/it/feature/1998/12/24feature.html>
MediaLine <http://www.medialine.com/>
Project Gutenberg Official Home Site <http://promo.net/pg/>
Bartleby.com: Great Books Online <http://www.bartleby.com/>
Bibliomania: Free Online Literature and Study Guides <http://www.bibliomania.com/>
Internet Public Library <http://www.ipl.org/>