What can I do with a major in English

The information below describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major. Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.

Description of English

English is an ideal liberal arts major, which also provides an excellent base for those beginning careers in other areas. English majors are encouraged to think independently. Creative, critical thinking is combined with informed reading and interpretation made evident in clear oral and written communication.

CBU's Literature & Languages program provides graduates with a depth and breadth of literary knowledge, and teaches them to explore problems creatively, to be sensitive to a diverse world, and to approach the world in a critical and thoughtful way.

Possible Job Titles of Literature & Languages Graduates (Includes Full-Time, Internships & Co-Ops)
(*Jobs secured as reported by CBU Career Services post-graduate survey)

Academic Advisor  Developing Coordinator  Press Representative
Account Planner  Editor  Process Analyst
Administrative Associate  Editorial Assistant  Production Artist/Designer
Advertising Executive  Education Coordinator  Production Assistant
Announcer (Radio/TV)  English Teacher  Program Assistant
Assistant Broadcast Negotiator  Entertainment agent  Proofreader
Assistant Editor  ESL Instructor  Property Coordinator
Assistant Project Manager  Executive Assistant  Public Relations Specialist
Assistant Director of Alumni  Financial Advisor*  Public Relations Writer
Associate Director of Public Relations  Foreign Correspondent  Publicity Coordinator
Attorney*  Freelance Writer  Publisher Proofreader
Author  Human Resource Assistant*  Publishing assistant
Bibliographer  Information Specialist  Quality Assurance Specialist
Book Store Manager  Interpreter  Reading Specialist
Broadcast Journalist  Journalist  Relay Agent
Case Manager  Legal Assistant  Reporter
Claims Representative  Librarian*  Research Associate
Columnist  Linguist  Sales Manager
Commentator  Literary Agent  Script Writer (Radio/TV)
Communications Coordinator  Litigation Research Assistant  Staff Writer
Communications Specialist  Lobbyist  Speech Writer
Congressional Aide  Marketing Coordinator  Teacher*
Consumer Affairs  Marketing Specialist  Technician
Consumer Psychology Analyst  Marketing/Grant Writer  Technical Writer*
Consultative Sales Rep  Media Specialist  Test Developer
Copy Editor  Mortgage Loan Specialist  Training Specialist
Copywriter  Narrator  Translator
Corporate Writer  News Reporter*  Travel Agent
Court Reporter  Paralegal  Web Designer
Critic  Patient Representative  Wildlife Firefighter*
Curator  Personal Banker  Writer
Customer Service Rep  Playwright  Writing Instructor
Desktop Editor  Politician  Youth Director
Possible Employers and Employment Settings for Literature & Languages Graduates
(*Jobs secured as reported by CBU Career Services post-graduate survey)

Academy of Science & Engineering  Gallup Organization  Newspapers
Advertising Firms  GE Financial Assurance  Nonprofit Agencies*
American Express Financial  Government Agencies  Nova Factor
Archer Malmo  Graphic Arts Association  Orpheum Theatre
Attorney Offices  Health Care Corporations  Political Action Groups
AutoZone*  Holcomb Speed  Professional Photographers
Banks  Insurance Companies  Public Relation Firms
Bloomberg L.P.  International Paper*  Publishing Companies
Bookstores  JET  Radio and TV Stations
Cerner Corporation  John Wiley & Sons  Research Firms
Clear Channel  Libraries  School Systems*
Colleges and Universities  Library of Congress  Sprint
Council Travel  Literary Periodicals  Teach for America
Cumberland Region Tomorrow  McGraw Hill  Towery Publishing
Department Stores  Magazine Companies  Travel Agencies
Department of Defense  Media Edge  UNUM
Department of the Interior*  Memphis Magazine/Flyer  VISTA
Ducks Unlimited  Memphis Business Journal  Work and Way
Education Departments  Morgan Keegan  Wine Cellar Solutions
Educational Institutions  Mosby, Inc  Youth Villages
Farr Miller & Washington  NAC International

Skill Sets and Interests Associated with Literature & Languages Majors

Proficiency at reading, writing, and speaking  Able to successfully make decisions
Maintains command of grammar and vocabulary  Able to maintain concentration for long periods
Capable of reading analytically  Increased capacity for creative thinking
Aptitude toward making critical observations  Willingness to work toward deadlines

Top Career Services Resources for Literature & Languages Majors

Career Resources Library (Buckman 207)
CareerLinX:  https://cbu-csm.symplicity.com/students/
Memphis Business Journal, Book Of Lists

Sign up for a free account and find out what careers you might be a fit for using:

TypeFocus:  www.typefocus.com  (Access Code: CBU8998)
SIGI 3:  www.tinyurl.com/cbusigi

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Additional Resources/Contacts for Literature & Languages Majors

National Council of Teachers of English:  www.ncte.org
AWP, The Association of Writers and Writing Programs:  http://awpwriter.org
Center for Communications, Inc.:  http://www.cencom.org