The English Department at Western prepares students to read analytically, think critically, and write clearly. Within the major, it creates well-rounded student through literature, examining challenges, and inspiring readers to discuss and recognize the writing and underlying messages that are being depicted. The degree helps students prepare for the field of study through knowledge of the writing, the ability to be able to critical think, and through written and oral communication.

In order to best demonstrate your employability as an English major, it is important to break down your four years of classes in terms of skills and achievements, which are marketable to employers. This is the language they speak. While an employer may not look for someone who has a keen sense of the classics, they may be looking for a strong writer, capable of thorough research, someone with strong writing skills, who can formulate proper sentence structure, along with a person who has a analytical eye for editing, who will not allow mistakes to make it to the public eye. Understanding how one can market themselves in relation to what employers seek is what will attract top-notch companies.

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**Occupational Outlook Handbook**

**RELATED CAREER TITLES**

The career paths listed below are only a sample of the opportunities one may consider. They have been taken from the Bureau of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook and the O*Net Online. Some career paths may require additional education and training. To gain more understanding of the different career paths, take a look at Candid Career, where you can watch testimonials of people doing exactly what you might want to pursue.

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The American Communication Association (ACA)
The Association of Teachers of Technical Writing (ATTW)
The Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP)
College English Association (CEA)
Council of Writing Program Administrators (CWPA)
The Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
Modern Language Association of America (MLA)
National Communication Association (NCA)
National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
Rhetoric Society of America (RSA)
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Boston Rhetoric and Writing Network (BRAWN)
New England Association of Teachers of English
The Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA)
The Northeast Writing Center Association