

# ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

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## ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE PROFILE

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.

[WCSU English, American, and Comparative Literature 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.



Media Specialists	Journalists
Social Media Managers	Teachers
Advertising Executives	Marketing Professionals
Public Relations	Copy Editors
Legal Secretaries	Publishers

Technical Writers	Screenwriters
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## RÉSUMÉ SAMPLES & HELP

For a guide, and list of sample résumés, please visit our virtual résumé tool at <https://www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/resumes/>. This is where you will find sample résumés, download our fillable résumés template, and find the cover letter & résumé checklist to ensure you are on the right track. Whether you are applying directly to a person, or an applicant tracking system (ATS), there are things you will need to know for your résumé to be recognized by the company's database. Use the checklist we provide and always proofread for perfection. Remember, your résumés and cover letters are the first writing samples any employer will ever see from you. You need to make sure it is perfect. Don't risk it, and come visit one of our Career Peer Leaders, who can help you. We are available Monday through Friday, either virtually or in person, anytime between 9 am to 5 pm. If you would like information, or to set an appointment, please contact the Career Success Center at [careersuccess@wcsu.edu](mailto:careersuccess@wcsu.edu).

## JOB SEARCH ENGINES

[Love to Know](#)

[Higher Ed Jobs](#)

[One Day One Job](#)

[Zippia](#)

## RESEARCH RESOURCES

[College Express](#)

[College Factual](#)

[Forbes](#)

[Get Unbound](#)

[One Day One Job](#)

[The Balance Careers](#)

## SALARY INFORMATION

[Dear English Major](#)

[Pay Scale](#)

[World Wide Learn](#)

## **WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW**

Join a professional English, American, and Comparative Literature club or association – See list below

Consider studying abroad. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Volunteer for WCSU's Vita Program

Volunteer for [Junior Achievement](#) in your community

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

Professional associations are a great way for college students, recent graduates, and career changers to enhance personal and professional development while being provided endless networking opportunities. Being a member of an association also offers chances to attend conferences, learn about latest industry trends, scholarships, internship opportunities, along with attitudes and competencies expected in the industries of interest. Many associations encourage students to participate and even offer drastically reduced membership rates. Being a member of an association could be the best thing you do for your career.

### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

[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](#)