









What you can do with your English major



As an English, American, or Comparative Literature major you will be studying to read analytically, think critically, and write clearly. The degree helps students prepare for the field of study through knowledge of writing, the ability to be able to critically think, and through written and oral communication. This program of study creates well-rounded students that can examine challenges and recognize underlying issues and messaging. Possible career paths are broad, but frequently include education, publishing, editing, public relations, management, marketing, and many more. Businesses and organizations need strong writers, editors, and analysts so there is much work in many varied industries. Emerging jobs include content creator/strategist, brand strategist and cybrarian. About 46% of English majors get advanced degrees.

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), employment for those who majored in English is projected to grow 2% from 2021 to 2031, slower than the average for all occupations.

Essential Skills & Characteristics to develop and highlight:

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|  Critical Analyzer |  Personal management |
|  Engage Topics from all directions |  Open minded |
|  Attention to detail and organization |  Well-rounded researcher |
|  Communication and interpersonal skills |  Collaborative |

How To Get Started:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Assess your personal strengths & preferences | <input type="checkbox"/> Get an internship/relevant work experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research opportunities : online/in-person | <input type="checkbox"/> Join a professional literature -based organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand your literature & writing network and professional brand | <input type="checkbox"/> Connect with professionals through career conversations & job shadowing |

Chart Your Path Forward with the [Career Success Center](#)

[Activate Your Handshake Account](#)

for events, coaching appointments and connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking & more!
www.wcsu.edu/handshake

[Explore Career Communities](#)

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your Literature major into success.

[Get Career & Internship Advising](#)

from the Career Success Center to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate

Put your English, American and Comparative Literature major to **WORK**

Common Alumni Job Titles:

- Media Specialist
- Social Media Manager
- Advertising Executive
- Public Relations
- Legal Secretary
- Journalist
- Teacher/Professor
- Marketer
- Copy Editor
- Publisher

Employers of Literature Majors:

- WCSU
- Naugatuck Valley CC
- Danbury Schools
- Fordham University
- New Canaan Public Schools
- University of New Haven
- SCSU
- Dutchess Community College
- Post University

Recent Literature Alumni

Employment Sector

- 29 % Retail Trade
- 15 % Health care and Social Assistance
- 14 % Educational Services
- 8 % Manufacturing
- 8 % Professional, Scientific and Tech Services
- 8 % Information
- 5 % Administrative and Support
- 4% Finance and Insurance

Live & Work

- 80 % Connecticut
- 14 % Middle Atlantic
- 3 % New England Balance
- 2 % Pacific
- 1 % West South Central

Informational & Job Websites

- <https://wcsu.joinhandshake.com/edu>
- <https://www.higheredjobs.com/>
- <http://www.attw.org/>
- <http://www.awpwriter.org/>
- <https://newcaconference.org/>
- <http://www.nemla.org/index.html>
- <http://www.tesol.org/>
- http://associationdatabase.com/aws/RSA/pt/sp/home_page
- <http://www.ncte.org/>
- <http://www.onedayonejob.com/?s=english+degree>
- <https://www.zippia.com/english-major/>
- <http://www.lsadc.org/>
- <http://www.mla.org/>



Jennifer Giustra-Kozek

B.A. in English/American Studies, M.S. in Education/Counseling, Class of 2000

Psychotherapist/Author/Speaker/Autism Health Advocate

"My English degree prepared me for multiple careers and many grad-school opportunities. My first job out of college was as a technical writer for a manufacturing company. I later got a job in marketing. At which point I realized my favorite part of the job was helping people. I then went back for my graduate degree in counseling where I learned numerous counseling/therapy theories and how to apply them to become a successful psychotherapist. For the past 20 years, I have had a private practice . Working for myself and loving it."



Lorraine Sautner

B.A. in English/Writing, Class of 1989

*Director of Private Grants and Foundation Partnerships
Nuvance Health*

"The knowledge, writing skills and experience that I gained at WCSU and the ECHO continue to fuel my career as a health care fundraiser. Today I manage a multi-million-dollar grants portfolio for a large not-for-profit health system. It's challenging and very rewarding work."

Career Communities for Literature Majors

The Career Success Center has seven Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Literature majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit our website at www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/ to view more.

- Education and Human Services
- Media, Arts, Marketing & Entertainment
- Government, Public Policy, Law and Non-Profits