What Can I Do With A Major In:
English

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DESCRIPTION
At WCU, when you study English, you will be joining one of the most vibrant programs at the university, where our students and faculty engage in the life of the mind and yet are committed to putting ideas into action.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

| Advertising | Brand Manager | Corporate Blogging |
| Law         | Lobbyist      | Event Planner |
| Freelance Writing & Editing | Grant & Proposal Writing | Marketing & Sales |
| News Reporter | Publishing | Public Relations |
| Research & Education | Technical Writing | Web Development |
| Writing & Editing | English Teacher | Language Professor |
| Academic Librarian | Information Officer | Magazine Journalist |
| Book Author | Arts Administrator | Newspaper Journalist |
| Blogger | Advertising Copywriter | Content Writer |

WHO EMPLOYS STUDENTS WITH THIS MAJOR?
Software developers | Publishing companies | Web content providers | Law firms | Trade groups | Non-profit organizations | Universities, colleges, & schools | Magazines, newspapers, radio, & TV | Public relations | Advertising firms & departments

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION
At Western Carolina University there are numerous internship opportunities for students. In some cases internships are established through a faculty member in the student's major. The Center for Career and Professional Development can also assist with finding English related internships. Oftentimes students find part-time jobs in an area related to their field of study. When this happens, students should discuss with their academic advisor the possibility of receiving college credit. Generally, three hours of general elective credit can be earned for a minimum of 200 hours of experience.
KNOWLEDGE

- Strong preparation in literature, writing, and grammar to help prepare you for the classroom.
- Knowledge of language development as well as teaching methods, research and theory in the English field.
- A firm grounding in technology, media, posting lessons and units online via portfolio software, and creating your own interactive websites. You'll produce and update your own individual growth plan, to which you can add work samples and lesson plans.
- An understanding of the diverse nature of your students (their abilities, race, culture, gender, socioeconomic status, sexuality, and religion) through coursework, case studies, hands-on classroom experience, and such initiatives as WCU's Rural-Urban Exchange.

Interested in the classes you’ll be taking? Check you your eight semester program here: [http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/ENGL-BSED8semesterplan-F2013.pdf](http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/ENGL-BSED8semesterplan-F2013.pdf)

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

- Association of Writers: [https://www.awpwriter.org](https://www.awpwriter.org)
- North Carolina Writers Network: [http://www.ncwriters.org](http://www.ncwriters.org)
- Carolinas Writers Conference: [http://www.carolinaswritersconference.org](http://www.carolinaswritersconference.org)
- Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the “Groups You May Like” link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES

- See the information on jobs after college: [https://english.stanford.edu/information-for/undergraduates/careers-after-english-major](https://english.stanford.edu/information-for/undergraduates/careers-after-english-major)

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