What Can I Do With This Ohio State Major?

The English major offers students the opportunity to think critically about a wide variety of literary, popular, and scholarly texts; to understand the historical and cultural contexts in which these texts are produced, disseminated, and received; and to compose critical, scholarly, and creative texts of their own. Our nearly 100 faculty members teach undergraduate courses focused on numerous topics including American and British literature and literary history, narrative studies, digital media, film, book history, manuscript studies, language and linguistics, composition, creative writing, business and technical writing, scholarly and literary editing, rhetoric, critical theory, literacy studies, cultural studies, postcolonial studies, folklore, disability studies, sexuality studies, gender studies, African/African-American studies, American Indian studies, Asian American studies, and Latino/a literature and culture. Because of the breadth and depth of our course offerings and the ease with which the English major can be combined with a second major or minor(s), our undergraduates are well prepared to pursue jobs and/or graduate degrees across a vast array of career fields. In addition to in-depth and personalized academic advising, English majors receive extensive career and placement support as well as graduate school advising.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Arts & Non-Profit Administration**
- Director of Museum Education
- Grants Writer
- Development Director
- Event Organizer

**Business and Technical Writing**
- Technical Writer
- Copywriter

**Communications and Marketing**
- Public Relations Director
- Social Media Strategist
- Brand Manager

**Creative Arts**
- Screen and Television Writer
- Novelist, Poet, Playwright

**Education**
- College Professor

**Finance**
- Financial Advisor Investment Specialist

**Human Resources**
- Employee Relations
- Consultant HR Specialist & Benefits Manager Executive Recruiter

**Journalism**
- Managing Editor
- Foreign Correspondent Staff Writer

**Law & Politics**
- Paralegal
- Law Librarian

**Media Production**
- Executive Producer
- Copyright Administrator

**Publishing**
- Book & Magazine Editor
- Curriculum Writer
- Copyeditor & Proofreader

**Sales**
- Account Executive
- Sales Manager

**Social Services & Counseling**
- Career Counselor
- Public Health Program Manager

**Technology Services**
- Project Manager
- Systems Analyst

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an English advisor about specific requirements.*

**Transferable Skills**

- Digital & Visual
- Communication Technical Writing
- Persuasive Writing
- Research Skills
- Interviewing Skills

- Editing & Copyediting
- Cultural Understanding
- Emotional Intelligence
- Service Orientation Social Perceptiveness

- Teaching/Instruction
- Others Teamwork
- Willingness to Take
- Risks Conceptualizing
- Creativity/Imagination

University Exploration
Defining Needs & Setting Goals
Developing Evaluation Strategies
Forecasting/Predicting
Gathering Information
Identifying Problems
Adaptability/Flexibility
Attention to Detail
Judgment & Decision Making
Implementing Decisions
Initiative
Managing Time/Stress
Administrative Skills Coaching/
Mentoring Delegation
Conflict Mediation Organization
Skills
Planning
Prioritizing Tasks
Strategic Planning/Visioning
Creating Innovative Solutions
Multi-tasking
Data Analysis
Analytical/Critical Thinking
Problem Solving

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: http://ccss.osu.edu

Professional Links:
American Library Association: http://www.ala.org
Association of Fundraising Professionals: http://www.afpnet.org
Association of Writers & Writing Programs: https://www.awpwriter.org
Modern Language Association: http://www.mla.org
National Council of Teachers of English: http://www.ncte.org
Society for Technical Communication: http://www.stc.org