What you can do with a major in...

English

Transferable Skills
The English Department of the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI offers a varied and comprehensive curriculum in literature, creative writing, composition and rhetoric, film, and linguistics. In short, the study of English teaches us how to think more clearly, feel more deeply, and express ourselves more eloquently. Faculty and students aim for excellence in analyzing, understanding, and communicating about language and its beauties. Additionally, English majors learn many transferable skills - skills that can easily be applied in a variety of fields:

- Influencing and persuading
- Clarifying ideas
- Problem solving
- Comparing interpretations
- Thinking independently
- Creative writing
- Presenting alternative viewpoints
- Making oral presentations
- Developing hypotheses
- Summarizing ideas
- Editing
- Using language effectively
- Articulating ideas for a variety of audiences
- Exploring implied or subtle meaning
- Creatively using resources to resolve issues

Job Titles of IUPUI Liberal Arts Alumni Who Majored in English
English majors study the importance of creatively and persuasively expressing our thoughts, to think more clearly, feel more deeply, and express ourselves more eloquently. English graduates pursue various career paths including the following:

- Attorney At Law ’93
- Deputy Attorney General ’98
- Catalog Production Coordinator ’06
- Instructor Youth Fair Chance ’91
- Associate Web Developer ’06
- Government Affairs Consultant ’04
- Special Project Coordinator ’91
- Marketing Coordinator ’02
- Stock Broker ’06
- Associate Information Consultant ’82
- Library Director ’00
- Copy Editor ’00
- Spanish Teacher ’08
- Legal Assistant ’06
- Design Drafter ’98
- Engineering Coordinator ’95
- Teacher ’06
- Technical Writer ’90
- Corporate Trainer ’90
- Research Specialist ’05
- User Experience & Info. Architect ’90

Additional Job Titles for English Majors
- Copywriter
- Editor
- Foreign Correspondent
- Publisher
- School Administrator
- Consultant
- Educator
- Journalist Manager
- Public Relations Assistant
- Writer
- Critic
- Film Maker
- Project Analyst
- Researcher
Areas of Employment

Advertising Agencies    Broadcast Media    Business and Industry
Consulting Firms        Educational Institutions  Government Agencies
Law Offices             Libraries                 Magazines and Newspapers
Non-Profit Organizations  Public Relations Firms  Publishers
Research and Development Firms

Resources in Local Libraries

Some books available at the IUPUI University Library or at the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library you can use to explore English include:

- Careers for Bookworms & Other Literary Types (IUPUI library)
- How to Get into Advertising (IU library)
- Great Jobs for English Majors (IUPUI library)
- Careers for Writers & Others Who Have a Way With Words in Journalism (IUPUI library)
- Tech Writer's Survival Guide (IUPUI library)
- Careers in Journalism (IUPUI library)
- Travel Writer's Handbook (IUPUI library)
- Careers in Publishing (IUPUI library)
- Publishing Children's Books (IU library)
- Complete Idiot's Guide to Publishing Children's Books (IUPUI library)
- Opportunities in Public Relations Careers (IUPUI library)

Additional Sources for Information

Alumni and faculty members in your major and related fields are great resources. You can also visit the Liberal Arts Career Development Office in CA243 to speak with a career coach. The Career Development Office can help you gather additional information about careers that interest you and help you locate IU alumni in your desired field to set up informational interviews.

Professional associations are excellent sources of career and employment information, and many of them have websites. Search the internet – many colleges and universities have websites for their Career Centers and for each academic major also. Many of these sites include career and employment information as well as links to other useful websites. Below is a sample list of websites:

- American Society of Journalists & Authors http://www.asja.org
- International Association of Business Communicators/Philadelphia http://www.iabc.com/
- Linguistics Society of America http://www.lsadc.org/
- Newspaper Association of America http://www.naa.org/
- Public Relations Society of America http://www.prsa.org
- Univ. of North Carolina Career Services http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/english.htm
- Writers Guild of America East www.wgaeast.org

Primary Resources Used to Compile the Information in this Document:

Indiana University Alumni Association Directory https://alumni.indiana.edu/directory/
Davidson College Office of Career Services http://www3.davidson.edu/cms/x16940.xml

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