WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY ENGLISH DEGREE?

BOOK PUBLISHING
Children's, Paperbacks, Textbooks, Trade Books, Mail Order, Technical
- Editorial Assistant
- Freelance Indexer/Index Editor
- Reviewer
- Manuscript/Copy Reader
- Acquisition Editor
- Assistant Editor
- Proofreader
- Publishing Assistant
- Sales Representative
- Subsidiary Rights Assistant

MAGAZINES/NEWSPAPERS
Trade Publications, National and Local Papers, Business Magazines, Consumer Magazines,
Freelance
- Reporter
- Editorial Assistant
- Editorial Writer
- Production Coordinator
- News Assistant
- Copy Editor
- Letter Editor
- Writer
- Researcher
- Staff Writer

RADIO / MOVIES / TELEVISION
- Research Assistant
- Story Editor
- Script Writer
- Production Assistant
- Assistant Segment Producer
- TV Listings Editor

ADVERTISING / MARKETING
- Marketing Research Analyst
- Advertising Salesperson
- Sales Promotions Specialist
- Catalog Copywriter
- Corporate Public Relations Specialist
- Account Coordinator
- Consumer Survey Supervisor
- Marketing Coordinator
- Media Analyst
- Copywriter
- Media Buyer/Planner
- Research Assistant
- Book Marketer
- Asst. Account Executive

PUBLIC RELATIONS
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Sales Promoter
- Corp. Public Relations Specialist
- Communications Assistant/Specialist
- Special Events Planner
- Speech Writer
- Media Liaison
- Public Affairs Assistant
- Acquisition Editor
- Public Relations Assistant
- Press Relations Specialist
- Asst. Dir. of Public Relations

RESEARCH
Libraries, Universities, Think Tanks, Encyclopedias, Magazines
- Fact Checker
- Library Technician
- Technical Writer
- Software Reference Writer
- Junior Researcher
- Indexer
- Project Assistant
- Research Assistant
- Abstractor
- Database Editor

EDUCATION
High Schools, Colleges, Universities
- Teacher
- Fund Raiser
- Admissions Counselor
- Literacy Program Coordinator

GOVERNMENT
Local, State and Federal Agencies
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Contract Administrator
- Records Manager
- Peace Corps Worker
- Customs/Immigration Officer
- Legal Assistant/Paralegal
- Foreign Service Officer
- Researcher
- Program Evaluator
HUMAN SERVICES

**Government, Community Centers, Prisons/Courts, Non-Profits**
- Community Outreach Worker
- Recreation Specialist
- Family Services Specialist
- Correctional Caseworker
- Eligibility Specialist
- Social Service Administrator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Activities Leader
- Police Officer
- Case Manager
- Caseworker
- Hospice Coordinator
- Probation Officer

PUBLIC POLICY

**Congress / State Legislature / Local Government**
- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Correspondent
- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Membership Coordinator
- Meetings Coordinator
- Office Manager
- Legislative Research Asst.
- Committee Staff Person
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coord.
- Legislative Liaison
- Fundraising Assistant
- Campaign Staffer
- Press Aide
- Project Manager
- Convention Organizer
- Government Affairs Specialist

**Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented / Non-Profit / National Associations)**
- EEO/Affirmative Action Specialist
- Staffing Specialist
- Claims Representative/Examiner
- Abstractor (Title Insurance Co.)
- Payroll Officer
- Job Developer
- Insurance Agent
- Underwriter
- Trainer
- Recruiter/Interviewer
- Job Classification Specialist

BUSINESS

**Human Resources**
- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- Staffing Specialist
- Claims Representative/Examiner
- Abstractor (Title Insurance Co.)
- Benefits Coordinator
- Payroll Officer
- Operations Assistant
- Insurance Agent
- Underwriter
- Trainer
- Recruiter/Interviewer
- Job Classification Specialist

**Insurance**
- Claims Representative/Examiner
- Abstractor (Title Insurance Co.)
- Insurance Agent
- Underwriter

**Banking / Finance**
- Branch Manager
- Property Manager
- Real Estate Agent
- Assistant Buyer
- Loan Representative
- Operations Assistant
- Securities/Research Analyst
- Store/Department Manager
- Stockbroker
- Trust Officer
- Mortgage Officer
- Merchandise Manager

**Retail (Book, Department, and Specialty Stores)**
- Assistant Buyer
- Store/Department Manager
- Merchandise Manager

KEEP IN MIND...

This list is just a brief introduction to your career options - it is not a complete list! Also keep in mind that although these career fields are open to you as an English major, you must take extra steps to prepare yourself for a competitive job market. It is important to:

1. **obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experience** (see CDC about their part-time, major-related job announcements; the Shriver Center about co-op, internship, and service opportunities; and Community Outreach about their volunteer programs) and
2. **supplement your English course work** with classes that would be relevant and beneficial to your chosen career field.

Make an appointment with a career advisor for suggestions on researching your career options, choosing a career field, and preparing for your chosen occupation.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Internet sites:** that allow you to explore career options for English degree:
- Career Development Center - Links by Major: http://www.careers.umbc.edu/students/websites_major.php

**CDC Career Resource Center (MP 212):**
- Careers for Bookworms ad Other Literary Types
- 100 Jobs in Words

UMBC, Career Services Center, MP 212, 410-455-2216, www.careers.umbc.edu