

The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to English.

Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major.

Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

## Sample Job Titles:

- Administrative Officer
- Advertising Associate
- Announcer (Radio, TV)
- Archivist
- Assignment Editor
- Author
- Bibliographer
- Book Critic
- Book Packager
- Book Publicist
- Bookkeeper
- Broadcasting
- Business Writer
- Children's Book Writer
- Columnist/Commentator
- Community Relations Worker
- Correspondent
- Copy Editor
- Copywriter
- Creative Writer
- Critic
- Editor
- Educator/Trainer
- Film and Video Editor
- Food Writer
- Foreign Service Officer
- Freelance Writer
- Ghostwriter/Collaborator
- Grant writer
- Information Manager
- Interpreter/Translator
- Job Analyst
- Journalist
- Lawyer Literary Agent
- Librarian/Library Assistant
- Lyricists
- Magazine Publisher
- Mediator
- Multimedia Writer
- Newspaper Editor
- Non-Profit Director
- Novelist/Writer
- Marketing Specialist
- News Writer
- Overseas Teacher
- Patient Advocate
- Permissions Editor
- Personnel Director
- Playwright
- Poets
- Private School Teacher
- Professional Blogger
- Proofreader
- Public Relations Manager
- Public Relations Specialist
- Radio/Television Announcer
- Radio/Television Coordinator
- Reporter
- Research Assistant
- Restaurant Critic
- Science Writer
- Screenwriter/Scriptwriter
- Social Worker
- Speech Writer
- Staff Writer
- Teacher/Professor
- Technical Writer
- Travel Guide Writer
- Tutor
- Translator
- Underwriter

## Possible Professional Settings:

- Advertising
- Banks
- Book Publishers
- Businesses & Corporations
- Broadcast Media
- Chemical & Drug Companies
- Churches
- Colleges/Universities
- Schools/School Districts
- Communications Departments
- Engineering Firms
- Entertainment Companies
- Federal Agencies
- Financial Institutions
- Human Resource Departments
- Insurance Companies
- International Education Institutions and Organizations
- Legal Firms
- Libraries
- Local School Boards
- Local and State Government
- Magazine & Newspaper Publishers
- Motion Pictures
- Museums
- Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's)
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Philanthropic Foundations
- Political Action Groups
- Public Relations Firms
- Public Service Organization
- Research & Development Firms
- Technical Companies
- Theater
- Trade Publications
- Travel & Tourism

# Resources:

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The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.\*

## Websites Related to this Field

- Publishers Weekly: [www.publishersweekly.com](http://www.publishersweekly.com)
- The Write Jobs: [www.writejobs.com](http://www.writejobs.com)
- UW's Internships in Publishing: <http://spu.edu/depts/english/opportunities.asp>
- UW English Advising Career Page: <http://depts.washington.edu/engl/advising/careers/index.php>
- Amity Teachers Program: <http://www.amityteachers.com/>
- English Language Institute: <http://www.elic.org/>

## Professional Associations - Samples

- American Comparative Literature Association: [www.acla.org](http://www.acla.org)
- American Society of Magazine Editors: [www.asme.magazine.org](http://www.asme.magazine.org)
- Modern Language Association: [www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)
- American Society of Newspaper Editors: [www.asne.org](http://www.asne.org)
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications: [www.aejmc.org](http://www.aejmc.org)
- Association for Women in Communications: [www.womcom.org](http://www.womcom.org)
- International Labor Communications Association: [www.ilcaonline.org](http://www.ilcaonline.org)
- Journalism Education Association: [www.jea.org](http://www.jea.org)
- National Council of Teachers of English: [www.ncte.org](http://www.ncte.org)
- The Association of American Publishers: [www.publishers.org](http://www.publishers.org)
- The Independent Book Publishers Association: [www.ibpa-online.org](http://www.ibpa-online.org)
- Online Publishers Association: [www.online-publishers.org](http://www.online-publishers.org)
- Northwest Independent Editors Guild: <http://www.edsguild.org>

## Sample Internship Sites & Volunteer Opportunities

- <http://www.spu.edu/depts/cdc/students/internships/index.asp>
- <http://transitionsabroad.com/>
- <http://www.goabroad.com/>

## General Careers Information

- Washington Occupation Information System: [www.wois.org](http://www.wois.org) Site Key: KTX478
- Occupational Outlook Handbook: [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)
- O\*Net: [www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org)

## SPU Resources for Choosing a Major

- English Department Website: <http://spu.edu/depts/english/>
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 - 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: [www.spu.edu/depts/sas](http://www.spu.edu/depts/sas)
- Academic Catalog: [www.spu.edu/academics.aspx](http://www.spu.edu/academics.aspx)
- On Track Degree Planner: <http://spu.edu/academics/on-track-degree-planner/>

\* Websites are current as of September 2011. If any go inactive, please let us know.

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and Calling