

MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

English

College of Liberal Arts

Mission of the College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts offers a rich variety of courses, majors and interdisciplinary programs in the humanities and the social sciences. Being well educated involves developing an array of intellectual skills, having the ability to use a variety of methodologies to understand our changing world, and having a broad base of diverse knowledge. Our courses and degree programs are designed to provide such a foundation and to create life-long learners who can adapt to the inevitably changing environments they will encounter.

Visit this site for more information:

<http://www.unlv.edu/liberalarts>

About the English Major

The Bachelor of Arts in English follows a course of historical study in the English language and the literature of Britain and the United States, as well as related English-language traditions and literary works in translation. Students are trained in composition and proceed with a solid grounding in critical theory to explore literature as an artistic medium and an intellectual discipline. Students acquire skills in writing and textual analysis designed to complement other academic studies and to enhance later professional and personal goals.

Organizations Hiring English Majors

- Advertising & public relations firms
- Corporations of all sizes and industries
- Educational institutions (e.g., Universities & Colleges)
- Federal, state and local governmental agencies
- Motion picture and video industries
- Radio and television broadcasting

UNLV Academic Advising for English Majors

Academic Advisors meet with students about their academic goals and assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

College of Liberal Arts Wilson Advising Center
Phone: 702-895-1997

Campus Location: WRI B131
<http://liberalarts.unlv.edu/WAC/>

English Career Options

Any career where reading and writing are important

- Advertising Executive
- Announcer
- Archivist
- Assignment Editor (Radio/TV)
- Author, Playwright
- Bibliographer/Biographer
- Columnist, Journalist
- Copy Writer
- Court Reporter
- Critic (book/drama/film)
- Editor, Proofreader, Technical Writer
- Editorial Assistant, Writer, Publisher
- Educator
- FBI/CIA Agent
- Foreign Correspondent
- Freelance Writer
- Government Services
- Interpreter
- Librarian, Library Technical Assistant
- Lawyer (law school)
- Paralegal
- Lobbyist, Speech Writer
- Maker Research Analyst
- Member of Clergy
- Newscaster/Correspondent/Writer/Reporter
- Public Relations
- Reading Specialist
- Researcher

Honor Society in English

Sigma Tau Delta is the International English Honor Society. The Epsilon Rho chapter of Sigma Tau Delta is active at UNLV.

Sigma Tau Delta:

<http://english.org/sigmatd/members/scholarships/index/shtml>

Some Professional Associations in English

American Society of Journalists and Authors:

<http://asja.org>

Association of Writers and Writing Programs:

<http://awpwriter.org>

Modern Language Association: <http://mla.org>

Graduate Programs in English

The Department of English offers programs of study leading to the Master of Arts, the Master of Fine Arts, the Doctor of Philosophy, and the Doctor of Philosophy with a Creative Dissertation (available only to Black Mountain Institute Fellows). Graduate students in English receive careful mentoring and are offered a variety of professional activities that prepare them for the job market and academic careers including: teaching, research assistance, journal editing, writing program administration, the hosting of the annual student conference, and non-academic internships.

<http://english.edu.edu/graduates/>

Also visit the UNLV Graduate College website at:

<http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu>

Helpful Career Information



Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

Career Exploration/Planning

FOCUS 2: UNLV's computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI): Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

Strong Interest Inventory: Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html>

UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

Internship Opportunities

UNLV CareerLink is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways.

Students can use CareerLink to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employers information sessions, resume book database, and dates for career fairs.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerlink.html>

MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010-2012

Salary range can depend on level of education

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Announcer	\$16,590 - \$72,500	\$26,850
Author/Writer	\$28,610 - \$109,440	\$55,420
Editor	\$28,880 - \$96,800	\$51,460
Market Research Analyst	\$33,350 - \$111,440	\$60,570
Public Relations Managers & Specialists	\$49,720 - \$166,440	\$91,810
Reporter, Correspondent, & Broadcast News Analyst	\$27,560 - \$146,230	\$54,140

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

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