

Careers: Master's of Arts in English (Literature Emphasis)

The Master's of Arts in English prepares students with a broad set of skills in writing, literacy, critical thinking, and problem solving that serves well in almost any walk of life.

- **Teaching:** English M.A.'s often hear the question: "What are you going to do with an English degree? Teach?" The answer is yes, teaching—whether high-school teaching, teaching English abroad, or teaching at the college level—is one profession available to those with M.A.'s in English.
- **Further graduate studies:** Traditionally the M.A. in English is designed to route students into further graduate work toward a Ph.D.
- **Career enhancement/professional development:** Many people return to school after establishing a career as a way to grow and possibly achieve an advantage over others in their current profession.
- **Journalism:** A person does not need a journalism degree to become a journalist. Many UNLV alumni with M.A.'s in English now work in local journalism at the *Sun*, *Review-Journal*, *City Life*, *Las Vegas Weekly*, and television and radio stations.
- **Publishing:** Publishing is another industry filled with persons holding Master of Arts degrees in English and working as editors or production managers.
- **Professional and technical writing:** Besides technical writing jobs, there are opportunities in areas such as search engine optimization, grant writing, corporate communications, and social media coordination.
- **Public relations and advertising:** PR and advertising agencies need candidates with strong writing and communication skills.
- **Libraries:** Persons who love books and reading, as English graduate students do, might want to consider a career in libraries. An M.A. in English is also good preparation for an M.L.S. (Master of Library Science).
- **Business, management, and beyond:** In the broadest sense possible, the person holding an M.A. in English can do anything. In survey after survey, employers rank writing and communication skills as the most important credential and the one that they find most lacking in recent graduates. Persons with M.A.'s in English go on to careers in finance, management, human resources, politics, sales, marketing, civil service, non-profit agencies, institutional analysis—the possibilities are endless.