

What to do with a major/certificate/degree in... English

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Degrees/Certificates Available at JCCC

Transfer Program

Description of Major

English is the study of literature, speech and writing. The degree emphasizes analytic and integrative intellectual abilities as well as the expression of thoughts and feelings.

Job Titles*

Account Executive	Manuscript Reader
Administrative Assistant	Market Researcher
Administrator	Marketing Specialist
Advertising Copywriter	Marketing Writer
Analyst	Narrator
Attorney	Novelist
Author	Paralegal
Biographer	Personnel Manager
Book Critic	Playwright
College Professor	Poet
Columnist/Communicator	Proofreader
Comedy Writer	Public Administrator
Communications Manager	Public Speaker
Copywriter	Publicity Agent
Creative Writer	Publisher
Critic, Art/Book	Radio-TV Newscaster
Desktop Publisher	Reading Consultant
Director	Reporter
Documentation Specialist	Research Assistant
Editor	Sales Representative
Editorial Assistant	Speech Writer
Freelance Writer/Consultant	Teacher
Greeting Card Writer	Technical Writer
Information Abstractor	Writer
Journalist	
Librarian	
Magazine Writer	

**Careers mentioned above are a sample of job titles. Some careers may require additional education or training.*

Personal Characteristics to be Successful

Analytical	Imaginative
Articulate	Inquisitive
Artistic	Investigative
Candid	Literate
Communicative	Motivated
Creative	Observant
Curious	Open-minded
Dedicated	Responsible
Disciplined	Sympathetic
Empathetic	Tactful
Ethical	Understanding
Focused	Well-read

Workplace Skills

Analyze information	Manage publications
Communicate with superiors and other staff	Perform research
Consult with colleagues and clients	Summarize information
Create multi-media promotional materials and training resources	Teach creative writing
Develop public relations materials	Teach grammar
Distribute information (electronically and in hard copy)	Teach literature
Draw conclusions and communicate views	Write advertising copy
Facilitate meetings and training opportunities	Write articles
Edit written materials	Write internal directives
Inform others verbally and in writing	Write news releases
Manage people	Write news stories and features
	Write speeches

Professional Organizations

International Association of Business Communicators
www.iabc.com

Modern Language Association
www.mla.org

The National Council of Teachers of English
www.ncte.org

Advanced Degrees in the Major?

Yes

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