

Centre for Academic Excellence Career Services

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR IN English

Overview of the Major

Tyndale's Bachelor of Arts in English stimulates your curiosity and challenges you to think critically as you study a broad range of genres, from Canadian poetry to African American fiction, and authors from John Milton to Jane Austen. You learn how to make connections between classical literature and faith-based concepts. Professors teach you how to write persuasively, frame a compelling narrative, and analyze levels of meaning in texts. You even build your portfolio with opportunities to edit books and publish or perform your own work.

Careers in the Field

This is not a complete list, but a broad overview of job titles to consider.

- Account Executive
- Actor/Actress
- Administrator
- Advertising Writer
- Alumni Relations Officer
- Author
- Biographer
- Book Critic
- Book Publishing Professional
- Bookstore Manager
- Communications Coordinator
- Copyeditor
- Copywriter
- Curator
- Drama Critic
- Digital Content Editor
- Digital Content Writer
- Document Reviewer
- Editor
- ESL Teacher

- Literary Agent
- Lyricist
- Magazine Editor
- Management Trainee
- Narrator
- Novelist
- Paralegal Assistant
- Playwright
- Poet
- Proof-reader
- Public Relations Professional
- Public Speaking Consultant
- Public Relations Specialist
- Publications Researcher
- Publicity Agent
- Reading Specialist
- Reporter
- Research Assistant
- Screenwriter
- Script Writer

- Foreign Correspondent
- Freelance Writer
- Fundraiser
- Grant Writer
- Greeting Card Writer
- Indexer
- Insurance Agent
- Journalist
- Junior Technical Writer
- Lawyer
- Library Assistant
- Linguist

- Speech Writer
- Teacher
- Technical Writer
- Television Producer
- Television Reporter
- Translator
- Travel Writer
- Tutor
- University Professor
- Web Editor
- Writer
- Youth Worker

Skills Developed as an English major

Upon completion of the B.A. in English, you will be able to:

- 1. Communicate in lucid written forms.
- 2. Edit multiple drafts of a piece of writing to bring out its best qualities.
- 3. Discuss literary revelations of the triune God's beauty, goodness and truth.
- 4. Interpret literature with an understanding of the variety of human experiences.
- 5. Analyze textual and cultural patterns by deploying multiple critical theories.
- 6. Take creative risks in imaginative expression.
- 7. Research in ways that meet professional standards.
- 8. Present complex concepts with concision and clarity.
- 9. Construct compelling arguments by deploying persuasive evidence.

Graduate Degree Options

Here are some degrees to consider after you graduate as an English major. This is not an exhaustive list but merely represents Graduate degrees related to the English field. Some Doctoral programs will have direct entry from Undergraduate degrees as well.

MA (Master of Arts) Comparative Literature MA English MA Journalism MA Language and Literacy Education MA Media Studies BEd (Bachelor of Education) MEd (Master of Education) MSc in Communications MLIS in Library and Information Science

Professional Associations and Organizations

Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English (ACCUTE) http://www.accute.ca

Association of Canadian Publishers http://www.publishers.ca

Authors Aloud http://www.authorsaloud.com/

Canadian Authors Association http://www.canauthors.org/

Canadian Christianity and Literature Study Group https://christianityandliteraturestudygroup.wordpress.com/

Canadian Comparative Literature Association https://complit.ca/

Canadian Public Relations Society http://www.cprs.ca

Editors' Association of Canada http://www.editors.ca

L'Union des écrivaines et des écrivains québécois http://www.uneq.qc.ca/

Magazines Canada http://magazinescanada.ca

Modern Humanities Research Association http://www.mhra.org.uk/

Small Publishers Association of North America http://community.bookapss.org/

The Word Guild https://thewordguild.com/