

What can I do with a Bachelor of Arts in English?

A guide compiled by CUE Career Services and the Faculty of Arts

General Skill Sets

A Bachelor of Arts degree is versatile. Graduates are employed in almost every industry and every company in North America. When employers are hiring, they are interested in transferable skills attained through university study. Examples include:

- Communication skills (interpersonal and written)
- Statistics, data management, analysis
- Critical thinking and interpretation skills
- Conflict management and resolution
- Understanding human relationships
- Understanding group dynamics
- Ability to deal with tense situations
- Computer skills
- Data processing and analysis skills

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Often, university graduates who have been employed for approximately two years may transition to a new job. Although factors such as the state of the economy and work performance may affect one's career journey, there tends to be greater potential for people who have degrees to be promoted or to attain leadership positions. As graduates combine their degree with accumulated work experience, they may transition into positions with increased responsibilities and higher salaries, or leave their current employer to take on new roles elsewhere.

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Careers Related to English Degrees

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Writing/Publishing

- Book editor
- Poet
- Narrator
- Journalist
- Publisher
- Proofreader
- Speech writer
- Author
- Publishing assistant
- Manuscript reader
- Book critic
- Playwright
- Scriptwriter

Media/Arts

- Foreign correspondent
- Editor (magazines, newspapers, film, video)
- Critic (film, theatre, music, food etc.)
- Documentary producer (film, radio, television)
- Film researcher
- Radio and television reporter
- Producer: film, television, radio, music
- Webmaster
- Web designer
- Actor, humorist/comedian
- Public speaker

Non-Profits

- Public relations representative
- Museum interpreter
- Fundraiser
- Volunteer manager
- Coordinator in the Human Services
- Media consultant
- Human resources manager
- Religious/pastoral leader
- Politician Political campaign worker
- Assistant to MLA or MP
- Researcher for government ministries

Education

- Curriculum designer
- Teacher
- English as second language teacher
- Education upgrading teacher
- Teacher-reading specialist

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