Who majors in English?

You’re an English major if you love to read...

- if you want to gain new perspectives on novels, poems, plays, films, or essays
- if you want to understand writers’ appeal to our imaginations, emotions, and intelligence
- if you want to know the theories used to discuss literature

You’re an English major if you love to write...

- if you want to be a writer or an editor — of stories, speeches, legal documents, advertising, research projects, poems, grant proposals, essays, or letters
- if you want to tap into your creative power, gain focus, and acquire the ability to articulate your thoughts
- if you want to be able to write analytically and persuasively

You’re an English major if you love people...

- if you want to understand how people act and think in our culture and in cultures far in the past and across the globe
- if you want to become more aware of human diversity in literature, language, and life

You’re an English major if you love language...

- if you want to know how English developed and how its structure really works
- if you want to know how language is used to teach, persuade, and delight
- if you want to understand how society and language are related
What kind of job prospects would I have as an English major?

Increasingly, employers are turning to liberal arts graduates because of their unique skills and flexibility. As an English major, you will develop skills crucial to your success after graduation:

- The ability to produce excellent writing
- The ability to analyze texts and situations accurately
- The ability to understand diverse heritages
- The ability to argue convincingly

You will be able to enter careers in:

- Publishing and journalism
- Advertising and public relations
- Business, industry, management, and marketing
- Social services and government
- Professions requiring advanced degrees, such as law, medicine, library science, or teaching
- The arts, entertainment, and museums