



CENTER FOR CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Major Possibilities: English

Quick Facts

- English majors will acquire interpretation, analysis, research, and writing skills that are useful in a broad range of professional activities.
- It's important to gain hands-on experience in your area(s) of interest. Writing for *The Megaphone* and working as a writing consultant in the Debby Ellis Writing Center are two things you can do on campus during the school year. Internships help shape professional identities, develop 21st century career-readiness skills, and make meaning of the academic experience.
- Writers with web and multimedia experience are more competitive, since online publications and services are growing in number and sophistication.
- Authors and writers held about 131,200 jobs in 2019, and editors another 118,700. Roughly 63 percent of authors and writers and 14 percent of editors are self-employed.

English Major Synopsis

Major requirements are in place to ensure that majors are exposed to a broad range of issues and texts representative of the discipline. Students select a concentration in Literature or one in Film and Literature. Courses include British literature written before 1785, British literature written since 1785, American literature, emergent literatures, and critical theory. The film concentration requires additional specific coursework in film. It is possible to pair English and Feminist Studies for a 15-course major by double counting selected cross-listed classes; see the course catalog for more information.

Sample Job Titles

Advertising Executive	Editorial Assistant	Librarian	Public Administrator
Archivist	English Language Assistant	Literary Agent	Public Relations Officer
Author	FBI Agent	Lobbyist	Radio Announcer
Book Critic	Film/Video Staff	Marketing Executive	Real Estate Agent
Columnist	Freelance Writer	Media Specialist	Reporter
Conservator	Grant/Proposal Writer	Medical Records Manager	Social Worker
Copywriter	Hotel Management	Newspaper Staff	Sports Commentator
Curator	Human Resources	Paralegal	Teacher
Documentation Specialist	Investment Counselor	Professor	Technical Writer
Editor	Lawyer	Proofreader	Underwriter

Sample Internship Employers of SU Students

AARP of Texas - Austin, TX	House Representative Lou Burnam - Austin, TX
Allstate Insurance Company	<i>Houston Chronicle</i> - Houston, TX
<i>Austin American-Statesman</i> - Austin, TX	Insite Magazine - College Station, TX
<i>Austin Woman Magazine</i> - Austin, TX	LV Agency, Inc. - New York, NY
Bow Art - London, England	<i>Manhattan File Magazine</i> - New York, NY
CBS 11 Television Station	McRae Entertainment
Child Support Division, Texas Office of the Attorney General	Media PT - Chatsworth, CA
Clocktower Productions - New York, NY	National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy
Congressman John Carter District Office - Round Rock, TX	National Endowment for the Humanities - Washington, DC
Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse - Dallas, TX	<i>People Magazine</i>
Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, Inc.	TX State Senate Human Resources Department - Austin, TX

PR by the Book - Austin, TX
Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey
St. Louis Homes and Lifestyles - St. Louis, MO
SU Public Relations - Georgetown, TX
SU Library - Special Collections - Georgetown, TX
Texas Monthly Magazine - Austin, TX

The Dallas Morning News - Dallas, TX
The Miami Herald - Miami, FL
The Oregonian - Portland, OR
Williamson Museum - Georgetown, TX
Writer's League of Texas - Austin, TX

Sample Full-Time Employers of SU Grads

Account Coordinator (Ketchum Public Relations)
Admission Counselor (Texas Woman's University)
Assistant Librarian (Story Branch Library)
Assistant to Director of University (International Studies Abroad)
Children's Writing and Art Instructor (Dougherty Arts Center)
Communications Director (St. Luke's Episcopal Church)
Content Specialist (Living Direct Inc.)
Copy Editor (Pearson)
Editorial Assistant (Southern Methodist University Press)
Editorial Assistant (Benchmark Ed. Company)
Education Reporter (*Williamson County Sun*)
English Teacher (Georgetown ISD, AmeriCorps, Cordovan School of the Arts, French Embassy, Fulbright Fellowships)
English Language Assistant (Ministry of Education, Spain)
Health and Welfare Associate (Employee Benefit Solutions Inc.)
In-House Writer/Editor (Attorneys Online, Inc.)
Language Assistant (Ministry of National Education, France)

Legal Assistant (W. H. Connor Law Office)
Marketing Assistant (Arts Center Enterprise, Inc.)
Marketing Freelance Writer (Grossman Law Offices)
Network Editor (FYI Television)
Outreach Coordinator (Reading Partners)
Owner/CEO (Bliss Event Planning)
Political Organizer Fellowship (USPIRG)
Production Assistant (Nickelodeon)
Properties Apprentice (Dallas Theatre Center)
Proposal Writer (IBM/Prairie Quest Consulting)
Public Policy Specialist (Texas Parent to Parent)
Service Leader (City Year New York)
Sports Writer (*Cleburne Times Review*)
Technical Writer (National Instruments)
Tutor (AmeriCorps for Community Engagement and Education)
Writer (The Writing Barn)

Professional Associations

ACES - The Society for Editing
American Book Producers Association
American Library Association
American Society of Journalists and Authors
American Society of Magazine Editors
American Society of News Editors
Association Media and Publishing
Association of American Publishers
National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences
National Association of Broadcasters
National Cable Telecommunications Association
National Writers Association
News Media Alliance
Poets and Writers
Society for Technical Communication
Writers Guild of America West