

# Career Fact Sheet BA English

*A liberal arts degree in English opens doors to a vast number of career opportunities. The skills learned through the study of English are readily transferable to an array of occupations including administration, public relations, law, journalism, publishing, and education.*

**The study of English develops skills critical to a large number of career fields. These qualities include:**

- The ability to write creatively, accurately, persuasively and forcefully
- Effective oral communication skills
- Research, organizational and editing
- The ability to analyze and understand difficult material
- Highly proficient reading skills
- Intellectual curiosity
- Technical writing skills
- Effective questioning, reasoning and responding skills

**Make the Most of Your Major:**

- Become a tutor
- Develop a minor
- Complete an internship
- Volunteer/mentor
- Write for school & local publications
- Create a portfolio of writing & ideas
- Become a skilled public speaker
- Network/use your connections
- Attend internship and career fairs
- Schedule informational interviews
- Study abroad
- Participate in UNH Undergraduate Research Conference

## Sample Career Possibilities

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| • Archivist                                 | • Law                                |
| • Business administration                   | • Management                         |
| • Editor                                    | • Marketing & sales                  |
| • Educator                                  | • Public relations                   |
| • Government service/<br>non-profit service | • Publisher                          |
| • Journalism                                | • Research journalist                |
|   | • Student support services (college) |

**University of New Hampshire and General Resources:**

*Occupational Outlook Handbook on-line*

[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco) | The US Department of Labor resource describes what workers do on-the-job, work environment, training and educational qualifications, earnings and expected job outlook for a wide variety of occupations.

*Wildcat Careers*

<http://www.unh.edu/uacc/careeradvising.html> | Wildcat Careers via the University of New Hampshire University Advising and Career Center website. Scroll down and click on the Wildcat Careers Login Box (First time users need to register).

*Quintessential Careers*

[www.quintcareers.com](http://www.quintcareers.com) | Over 2,400 pages of job search information.

*University of New Hampshire at Manchester: Internships*

[www.unhm.unh.edu/internships](http://www.unhm.unh.edu/internships)

*University of New Hampshire at Manchester: What Can I Do With A Major In...?*

[www.unhm.unh.edu/counseling/career/](http://www.unhm.unh.edu/counseling/career/)

*WetFeet*

[www.wetfeet.com](http://www.wetfeet.com) | Research industries, companies and careers. Also a source for job search tips.

*Vault.com*

<http://www.library.unh.edu/researchtools/databases/databases.asp?search=UVWXYZ>

Vault has been called “The best place on the Web to prepare for a job search.” This database includes more than 80 full-length career guides, insider company information and career advice. Scroll down and click the link to Vault Online Career Library.

**English Career Resources:**

*American Advertising Federation*

[www.aaf.org](http://www.aaf.org) | From the home page select “College Connection” for news, membership information and employment opportunities.

[www.bookjobs.com](http://www.bookjobs.com) | Publishing website providing extensive information regarding internships and jobs in all facets of the industry.

*Careers in Marketing*

[www.careers-in-marketing.com/ad.htm](http://www.careers-in-marketing.com/ad.htm) | Provides links to a variety of informational and job-search sites.

*Magazine Publishers of America*

[www.magazine.org](http://www.magazine.org) | Site includes career information with links to permanent positions and internships.

*Public Relations Society of America*

[www.prsa.org](http://www.prsa.org) | Site includes a job center and opportunity to post resumes.

*The Write Jobs*

[www.writerswrite.com/jobs](http://www.writerswrite.com/jobs) | A specialty job board and career resource for journalism, media, publishing and writing professionals.

This Career Fact Sheet and active links can be found through the UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE at MANCHESTER Career Services website.

