

What Can I Do with My Degree In...

Bachelor of Arts in English?



Know What's Expected

Studying English allows students to develop an appreciation for language, culture, and values. If you major in English, employers will expect that you have exposure to different verbal styles and practice in oral and written critical analysis. They will expect you to be an analytical reader, a critical thinker, and an effective communicator. French may also be an asset in some positions.

Transferable Skills

- Analysis and interpretation of information and the ability to critically evaluate it
- Written and spoken communication skills
- Knowledge of current social trends
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to listen, clarify, question, and respond comprehensively
- Public Speaking and Debate Skills

What Employers Want to See

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests. By getting involved on-campus (for societies visit mountstudents.ca) or off-campus early in your degree, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

You can also build your Mount Co-Curricular Record (CCR) with these activities at msvu.ca/CCRP and present this official document to future employers.

Necessary Skills

- Leadership
- Researching and writing skills
- Organization
- Project Management
- Word processing and editing skills

Where Can You Work?

An English Major offers a broad background in the humanities, arts, and social sciences. Graduates from English programs may find careers in communications, culture, law, education, religion and administration.

An English degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Bachelor of Arts English webpage for more information.

Possible Job Titles

- Elementary or Secondary School Teacher
- Journalist
- Public Administrator
- Editor / Publicist
- Lawyer
- Communications Officer
- Publications Researcher
- Librarian
- Book Critic
- Novelist
- Documentation Specialist

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Where Can I Volunteer?

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to get involved in your field of study and make some great connections. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- Schools
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Local Non-Profit Organizations
- Student Societies
- Students Union

Visit msvu.ca/ccrp to view potential volunteer organizations.

Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job Search Resources page at msvu.ca/careerplanning for links to frequently used job boards.

Professional Associations

Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- Association of Translators and Interpreters of Nova Scotia
www.atins.org
- Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English
www.accute.ca
- Canadian Library Association
www.cla.ca
- Modern Language Association
www.mla.org
- Writer's Federation of Nova Scotia
www.writers.ns.ca

MSVU Career Planning Services

At the Mount, we offer a variety of career related services, workshops, resources and opportunities for students. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what your can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.

Drop by Career Planning Services to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or just explore our resources!

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