

## Career Information for English

### A College of Fine Arts and Humanities Major

#### **General Overview Information**

Programs in English composition and writing teach people how to use words correctly to express ideas. Students learn vocabulary, grammar, and spelling. They learn how to write effective sentences, paragraphs, and essays. Programs in English language and literature focus on the spoken and written traditions of the British Empire and its colonies, including the U.S. and Canada. Students learn the history and structure of the English language. They also learn about the cultures of English-speaking peoples.

#### **Do You Have These Characteristics?**

Ability to Guide & Influence Others · Excellent Oral & Written Communication Skills  
Creative & Inquisitive Mind · Ability to Work Independently · Express Ideas Clearly & Logically

#### **Salary Information Can Be Found At:**

[www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm](http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm)

[www.iseek.org](http://www.iseek.org)

[www.stcloudstate.edu/careerservices](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/careerservices)

#### **What Can You Do?**

- Editor (Film, Magazine, News)
- Literary Agent
- Teacher
- University or College Professor
- Reporter/Journalist
- Advertising Copywriter
- Market Researcher
- Script/Manuscript Reader
- Writer (Freelance, Technical, Speech, Grants, etc.)
- Critic
- Communications Manager
- Publisher
- Bibliographer

#### **Where Can You Work?**

- Newspapers, Magazines, Broadcast Media
- Advertising Agencies
- Colleges & Universities
- Public & Private Libraries
- Publishing Houses
- Local, State, & Federal Government
- Museums
- Public Relations Firms
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Law Firms
- Bookstores
- Radio & Television Companies
- Special Interest Groups
- ....and MORE!

#### **Resources**

- SCSU English – <http://bulletin.stcloudstate.edu/departments/engl.asp>
  - Occupational Outlook Handbook – <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos089.htm>
  - The Write Jobs – [www.writerswrite.com/jobs/](http://www.writerswrite.com/jobs/)
  - Association of the American University Press – [www.aaupnet.org](http://www.aaupnet.org)
  - *Careers for Bookworms and Other Literary Types*
  - *Careers for Writers and Others Who Have a Way With Words*
  - *Careers in Publishing*
  - *Great Jobs for English Majors*
  - *Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors*
  - *Media Internship Book, The*
  - *National Trade and Professional Associations*
  - *Performing Arts Directory*
  - *Real Resumes for Media, Newspaper, Broadcasting & Public Affairs Jobs*
  - *What to Do with Your English or Communications Degree*
  - *Writer's Market (2008)*
- (Books are available at SCSU Career Services Center)