

Career Information for Literature & Writing

A College of Fine Arts and Humanities Major

General Overview Information

Programs in literature focus on the spoken and written traditions. Students learn the history and structure of the English language. They study folklore and writing. 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.

Do You Have These Characteristics?

Excellent Oral & Written Communication Skills · Creative & Inquisitive Mind · Perseverance
Ability to Work Independently · Express Ideas Clearly & Logically · Self-Motivation

Salary Information Can Be Found At:

www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm

www.iseek.org

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/
- Association of the American University Press – www.aaupnet.org/jobfix/jobsmain.html
- *Career Opportunities in Television and Cable*
- *Careers in Publishing*
- *Great Jobs for English Majors*
- *Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors*
- *National Directory of Arts Internships*
- *National Trade and Professional Associations*
- *Performing Arts Directory*
- *Real Resumes for Media, Newspaper, Broadcasting & Public Affairs Jobs*
- *Resumes for Communication Careers*
- *Top Careers for Liberal Arts Graduates*
- *What to Do with Your English or Communications Degree*
- *Writer's Market*

(Books are available at SCSU Career Services Center)