



# | LCCC Major and Career Guide: English

Being an English major offers you multiple career possibilities because the oral and written communication skills gained are often one of the most desirable to employers. English majors focus on the process of creating and disseminating content or resources to a specific constituency or audience.

## ➔ Skills

Active Learning	Learning Strategies
Active Listening	Microsoft Vista
Adobe Acrobat	Monitoring
Adobe Photoshop	Newsletters
Broadcast	Project Management
Budgeting	Proofreading
Complex Problem Solving	Reading Comprehension
Content Management	Service Orientation
Coordination	Speaking
Copy Editing	Social Media
Critical Thinking	Social Perceptiveness
Instructing	Technical Writing / Editing
Journalism	Time
Judgment and Decision Making	Writing

## ➔ Making the Most of Your Academic Experience

### Academics – Tips for Success

- Take an active role in your academics (getting good grades, attending class, and engaging in classroom discussion)
- Get to know your faculty (make a point to stop by during their office hours)
- Ask good questions
- Use your professional associations to learn more about the field

## ➔ Leadership, Internships, and Networking

**Get involved- Be a leader on campus by joining a student organization.**

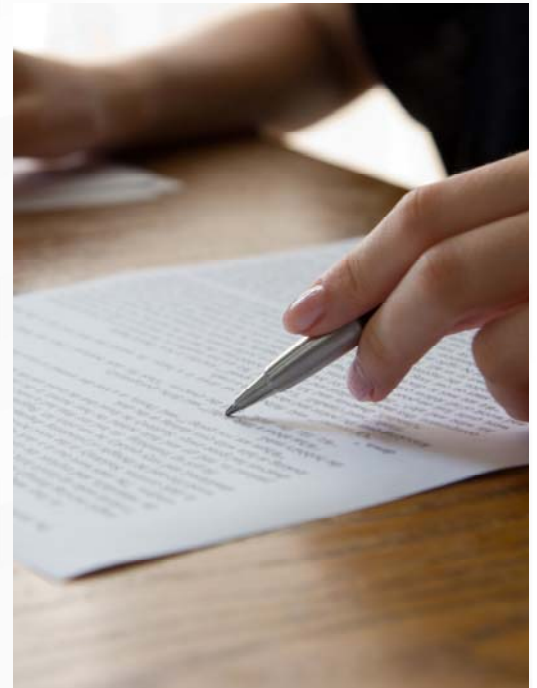
Examples: High Plains Registry; Wingspan Student Media; Phi Theta Kappa; Student Government Association Campus Activities Board; or Residence Hall Council; Rotaract Club; Deca Club

**Volunteering for education related experiences will enhance your knowledge of the field while giving back to the community.** Laramie County Library System; Wyoming State Reading Council; United Way of Laramie County; Cheyenne Downtown Development Authority; Boys and Girls Club of Cheyenne

**Talking to people in the field about their experiences allows you to gain perspective about day to day responsibilities and increases your professional network.**

Informational Interviewing 101- Resource

[lccc.wy.edu/Documents/Services/Career\\_Center/Informational%20Interviewing%20101.pdf](http://lccc.wy.edu/Documents/Services/Career_Center/Informational%20Interviewing%20101.pdf)



## ➔ Interests

**Investigative** – Interest in problem solving, research, and analyzing.

**Social** – Interest in helping others grow and develop

**Artistic** – Interest in creative activities and self-expression.

## ➔ Questions to Consider

- Do you enjoy reading classic literature, non-fiction and scholarly writing?
- Do you like to write?
- Are you skilled at grammar and sentence structure?
- Do you enjoy researching?

## ➤ Part-time opportunities and internships

- Work specifically in creative settings such as summer camps, schools, non-profits, government, newspaper and magazine, small and large businesses, or freelance.
- Think about the transferable skills that you need to work in the language and reading choose part-time employment that will enable you to gain experience in those areas.
- To search for part-time jobs go to the LCCC Career Center Online Resource Library [lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/Resource-Library.aspx](http://lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/Resource-Library.aspx) (Search- Topics: Job Search and Industry Cluster: Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communication, Education and Training, Hospitality and Tourism, Human Services, Social Science and Humanities or Marketing, Sales and Service) and/ or College Central Network or online job posting site.

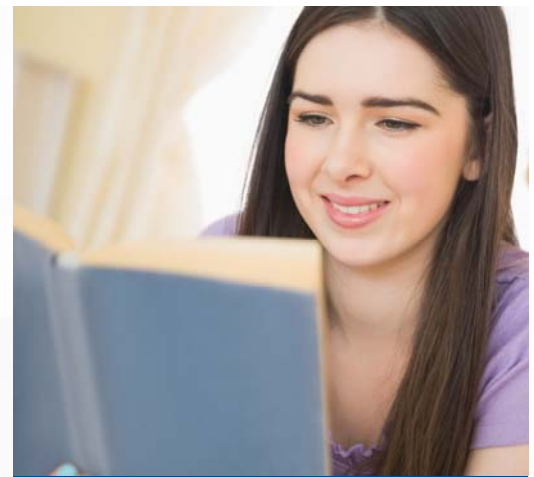
## ➤ Sample Occupations

(Credit Diploma (CD), Associate (AA), Bachelor (BA), and Beyond)

Academic Advisor (BA or Beyond)	Lawyer (Beyond)
Administration (BA or Beyond)	Management (BA or Beyond)
Advertising (BA)	Non-profit Director (AA, BA, or Beyond)
Creative Writers	Publisher (BA)
Editor (BA)	Sales
English as a Second Language (ESL) (BA or Beyond)	Student Affairs (BA or Beyond)
Human Resources (BA or Beyond)	Teacher (BA or Beyond)
Information/Library Science (Beyond)	Technical Writers (BA)
Journalists (BA)	Tutoring (AA, BA, or Beyond)

## ➤ Sample Work Settings

Advertising Agencies  
Colleges and Universities  
Government Agencies  
K-12 Schools  
Large and Small Businesses  
Magazines and Newspapers  
Non-profit Organizations



## ➤ Sample Employers

Wyoming Tribune-Eagle  
KGWN TV  
Laramie County Community College  
State of Wyoming  
Laramie County School District 1 & 2

## ➤ Professional Associations

National Council of Teachers of English  
Writers Guild of America West  
Magazine Publishers of America  
Association of American Publishers  
Society for Technical Communication  
American Copy Editors Society  
National Newspaper Publishers Association

## ➤ Additional Resources

**LCCC Department English Program**  
**Website:** [lccc.wy.edu/programs/english/index.aspx](http://lccc.wy.edu/programs/english/index.aspx)  
**LCCC Academic Advising:** [lccc.wy.edu/academics/services/advising/index.aspx](http://lccc.wy.edu/academics/services/advising/index.aspx)  
**LCCC Career Center:**  
[lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/index.aspx](http://lccc.wy.edu/services/careerCenter/index.aspx)

## ➤ Salary (For more salary information go to [onetonline.org](http://onetonline.org))

Occupation	Median Salary U.S. Yearly	Median Salary Wyoming Yearly	US Employment change, 2014-2024 -Percentage
Secondary School Teachers	\$58,030	\$58,480	5.8
Editors	\$57,210	\$40,320	-5.3
Technical Writers	\$69,850	N/A	10.2
Human Resources Specialist	\$59,180	\$50,080	4.6
Public Relations Specialists	\$58,020	\$54,380	6.2

Resources used: O\*NET OnLine: [onetonline.org](http://onetonline.org) and *What Can I do with this Major?*: <http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/>  
Laramie County Community College; Career Center and School of Arts and Humanities  
1400 E College Drive, Cheyenne WY 82007

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