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

**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?

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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 [link to LCCC Career Center Online Resource Library](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)
- Administration (BA or Beyond)
- Advertising (BA)
- Creative Writers
- Editor (BA)
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
  (BA or Beyond)
- Human Resources (BA or Beyond)
- Information/Library Science (Beyond)
- Journalists (BA)
- Lawyer (Beyond)
- Management (BA or Beyond)
- Non-profit Director (AA, BA, or Beyond)
- Publisher (BA)
- Sales
- Student Affairs (BA or Beyond)
- Teacher (BA or Beyond)
- Technical Writers (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)

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