

What Can I Do With a Major in Literature?

Sample Occupations: The following listings are occupations you can pursue with a Literature Degree. Please note that this list is not exhaustive. There are many careers for which a Literature Degree prepares you. *Also note that the occupations that require an advanced degree are also listed.* For help in identifying more information about the occupations listed below, please visit the Career Center at 259 Highsmith Union.

Abstract Writer	Electronic Publishing Specialist	Media Relations Representative
Actor	English/Literature Professor	News Anchor
Advertising Copywriter	Feature Writer	Novelist
Advertising Director	Freelance Reporter	Office Manager
Arts Administrator	Fundraiser	Playwright
Author	Grant Writer	Poet
Bibliographer	Historical Museum Assistant	Press Secretary
Book Editor	Indexer	Proofreader
Bookstore Manager	Investigative Reporter	Public Information Officer
Children's Books Author	Journalist	Public Relations Specialist
Circulation Manager	Lawyer	Publisher
Claim Adjuster/Examiner	Legal Assistant	Radio/Television Announcer
Clergy	Legislative Aide	Reporter
Communications Specialist	Lexicographer	Script Writer
Consumer Affairs Investigator	Librarian	Speechwriter
Copy Editor/Writer	Literary Agent	Spokesperson
Corporate Communications	Lobbyist	Station Manager
Correspondent	Lyricist	Syndicated columnist
Court Reporter	Magazine/Newspaper Editor	Teacher
Critic	Manuscript Reader	Technical writer
Customer Service Representative	Media Director	Translator

Sample Work Settings

Advertising Agencies	Home Offices	Nonprofit Associations
Book Stores	Journals and Magazines	Printing Presses
Cable Systems	Law Firm	Professional Organizations
Editing Firms	Libraries	Public Relations Industry
Educational Institutions	Literary Journal	Publishing Companies
Finance Industry	Marketing Firms	Radio/Television Stations
Freelance	Medical Industry	Sports Organizations
Government Agencies	Newspapers	University/College

Sample Government Departments

Central Intelligence Agency	Immigration and Naturalization	US Information Agency
Department of Commerce	National Endowment for the Humanities	US Postal Service
Federal Bureau of Investigation		Veterans Affairs

Professional Organizations

American Advertising Federation <http://www.aaf.org/>
American Comparative Literature Association <http://www.acla.org/>
American Federation of TV and Radio Artists <http://www.aftra.org/aftra/aftra.htm>
American Literature Association <http://www.calstatela.edu/academic/english/ala2/>
American Society of Journalists and Authors <http://www.asja.org>
Children's Literature Association <http://chla.wikispaces.com/>
Electronic Literature Organization <http://www.eliterature.org/>
Horror Writers Association <http://www.horror.org/>
International Food, Wine and Travel Writers Association <http://www.ifwtwa.org/>

Professional Organizations (continued)

National Association of Black Journalists <http://www.nabj.org>
National Association of Broadcasters <http://www.nab.org>
National Council of Teachers of English <http://www.ncte.org>
National Education Writers Association <http://www.ewa.org/>
National Federation of Press Women <http://www.nfpw.org>
National Writers Union <http://www.nwu.org/>
Public Relations Society of America <http://www.prsa.org/>
Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, Inc. <http://www.sfgwa.org/>
Society for Technical Communication <http://www.stc.org/>
Southeastern Writers Association <http://www.southeasternwriters.com>
UNCA Literature Club <http://www.unca.edu/studentactivities/student-org.html>

Internet Resources

Book Wire <http://www.bookwire.com/bookwire/>
Careers in Broadcast Media and Journalism <http://www.khake.com/page43.html>
Freelance Writing Jobs <http://www.freelancewriting.com/careercenter.php>
Jobs for Librarians and Information Professionals <http://www.lisjobs.com/>
JobWeb www.jobweb.org
Journalism Jobs <http://www.journalismjobs.com/>
Magazine Publishers of America <http://www.magazine.org/>
Margaret Riley Online Career Guide www.rileyguide.org
Richard Bolles: What Color is your Parachute? – Job Hunters Bible www.jobhuntersbible.com
Southern Arts Federation Jobs Site <http://www.artsopportunities.org/index.cfm>
Staff Writers <http://www.staffwriters.com/>
The American Society of Newspaper Editors Careerbank <http://www.asne.org/index.cfm>
The Write Jobs <http://www.writejobs.com/>
UNCA Career Center Postings <https://unca-csm.symplicity.com/index.php?cck=1&au=&ck=>
UNCA Literature Department <http://www.unca.edu/lit>
Vault Online Career Library www.vault.com/cb/careerlib/careerlib_main.jsp?parrefer=1051
Websites Related to UNCA Major <http://www.unca.edu/career/majorslinks.html>
Writers Guild of America <http://www.wga.org/>

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Career Exploration:

100 Best Careers for the 21st Century
100 Best Careers for Writers and Artists
100 Jobs in Words
50 Best Jobs for your Personality
Breaking Into Advertising
Breaking Into Film
Breaking Into Television
Career Opportunities in Magazine Publishing
College Majors and Careers
Liberal Arts Jobs
Magazines Career Directory
Media Companies
Newspaper Career Directory
Newspaper Career Guide
Public Relations Career Directory
The College Career Bible
The College Majors Handbook
Vault Career Guides: Journalism & Information Media,
Media and Entertainment, Book Publishing

Job Search Resources:

2500 Keywords to Get You Hired
Find a Federal Job Fast
Finding your Perfect Work
Job Search Handbook for People with Disabilities
Job Searching Online For Dummies
The Top 10 Fears of Job Seekers
Vault Guides: Schmoozing and Resume, Cover Letters,
& Interviewing, and Starting your Own Business
Who's Hiring Who?

Internship Opportunities:

Americas Top 100 Internships
Internship Handbook
Internship Success
The Best 109 Internships
The Internship Bible
Vault Guide to Top Internships