

An English degree provides skills that make you stand out in the job market.

## Researching

- Defining problems
- Evaluating results
- Establishing hypotheses
- Gathering information
- Using original sources
- Interpreting data

## Writing

- Writing creatively and persuasively
- Using precise language
- Assessing an audience
- Writing concisely
- Drafting and editing documents

## Critical Thinking

- Thinking independently
- Reading critically
- Identifying aspects of complex problems
- Perceiving patterns / structures
- Comparing / contrasting
- Analyzing
- Synthesizing themes
- Summarizing ideas

## Career Paths

- Publishing Houses
- Political offices
- Literary agencies
- Public & academic libraries
- Newspapers
- Theaters
- Public interest organizations
- Educational institutions
- Greeting card publishers
- Government agencies
- Magazines
- Large companies
- Law firms
- Tutoring services
- Printing firms
- Advertising agencies
- Consumer action groups
- Radio & television stations
- Research institutions
- and more!

## Lifetime Learning & Engagement

"My undergrad degree helped establish a foundation of curiosity, continual learning, and increased comprehension, writing, communication, and presentation skills." - Kristin Russell (B.A. 2009)

"Critical thinking and writing have served me well in all aspects of my life." - Kim (Kirk) Polson (B.A. 1993)

"It prepared me to think, relate, empathize, and communicate both in spoken and written word."  
- David Wilson (B.A. 1991)

# WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH AN ENGLISH MAJOR?



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# What are K-State English Majors Doing Now?

Myth # 1: English majors can't get jobs.

Myth # 2: English majors are only prepared to teach English.

The reality is that English prepares you for a range of careers and the ability to change careers throughout your life. A degree in English offers many rewards - intellectual, personal, financial, and social.

## K-State English helps you with

- Career Planning
- Leadership and Service
- Internships
- Undergraduate Research
- Study Abroad
- Alumni Contacts

## Consider lifetime earnings rather than starting salary

"After about a decade, STEM majors start exiting their job fields as their skills are no longer the latest and greatest. In contrast, many humanities majors work their way to high-earning management positions. By middle age, average pay looks very similar across many majors."

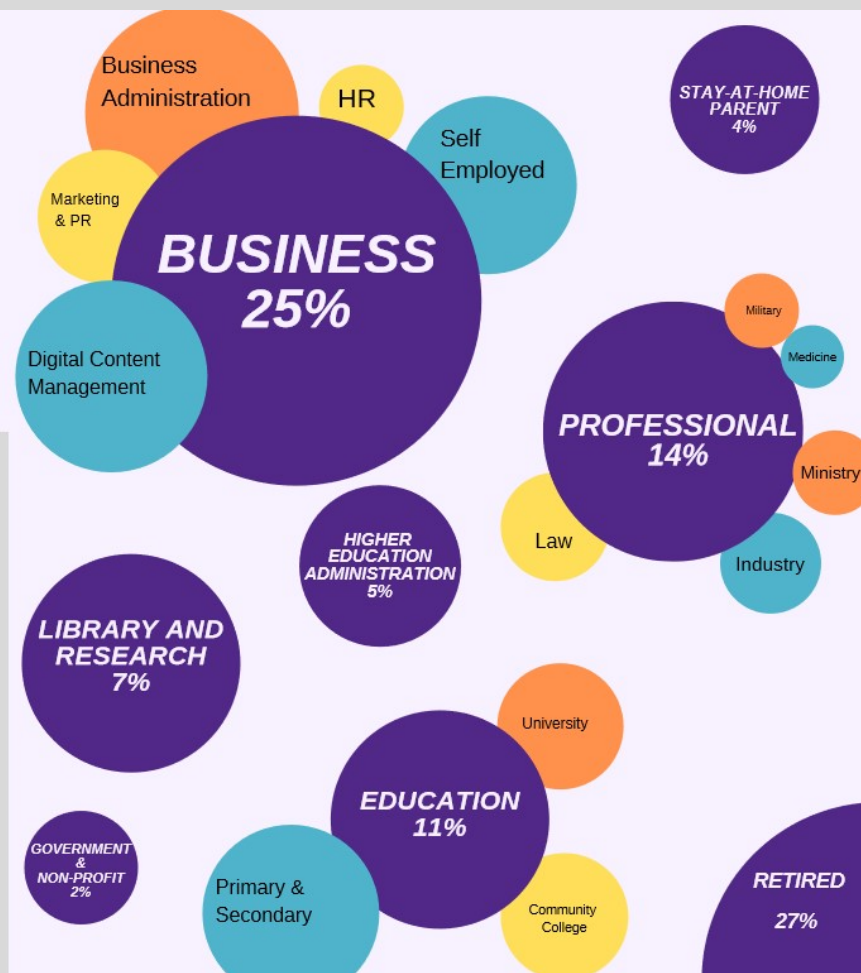
Heather Long, "The World's Top Economists Just Made the Case for Why We Still Need English Majors" in *The Washington Post* (19 Oct. 2019)

## Career Paths for English Majors

Our 2017 survey of English undergraduate alumni confirms that the English major leads to an extraordinarily wide range of fields.

Data from survey of alumni who graduated with a B.A. 1940 - 2017.

Some responses fell into multiple categories or respondents held multiple positions.



Data from a survey of K-State English alumni who graduated with a B.A. degree, 1940 - 2017

### Selected alumni career titles:

General Manager | Director of HR | Marketing Specialist | Web Developer  
 Lead Copywriter & Content Producer | Author - Harper Teen | Technical Writer  
 Teacher | Professor | Digital Scholarship Librarian | Youth Collection Development Librarian  
 Chief Judge - 22nd District of Kansas | Vice Consul - U.S. Department of State