

**THE ENGLISH ASSOCIATE IN ARTS  
DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)**

Los Angeles Mission College

## WHY MAJOR IN ENGLISH?

An English degree is appropriate for all students who want to improve written and oral expression. It also affords students the opportunity to expand their comprehension of diverse literary texts. This degree is not only for students who are interested in teaching, but it is also for students who plan to continue with graduate work in programs ranging from liberal arts to law.

## WHAT WILL AN ENGLISH MAJOR HELP YOU DO?

An English major will help you:

- Analyze written text to identify underlying logic and point of view;
- Develop a well-organized paper which develops cogent main ideas stated in a thesis and which has adequate support for statements made;
- Utilize diverse sources of information, to research a topic;
- Attribute quotes and other information gleaned from print and electronic sources, according to MLA style;
- Evaluate arguments for validity, objectivity and soundness;
- Argue a point after having gathered and synthesized relevant information, data and evidence;
- Critique text in terms of style and relate a text to the period in which it was written;
- Distinguish fallacies in arguments and be able to recognize the validity or lack of validity of various points of view.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR AN ENGLISH AA-T?

REQUIRED CORE	UNITS
ENGLISH 102    College Reading & Composition II	3
ENGLISH 103    Composition & Critical Thinking	3
<b>List A: Select two (2) courses:</b>	<b>6</b>
ENGLISH 203    World Literature I	
ENGLISH 205    English Literature I	
ENGLISH 206    English Literature II	
ENGLISH 208    American Literature II	
<b>List B: Select one (1) course:</b>	<b>3</b>
ENGLISH 127    Creative Writing	
or Any List A course not already used	
<b>List C: Select one (1) course:</b>	<b>3</b>
CHICANO 037    Chicano Literature	
or CHICANO 042    Contemporary Mexican Literature	
SPANISH 001    Elementary Spanish I	
SPANISH 002    Elementary Spanish II	
SPANISH 003    Intermediate Spanish I	
SPANISH 004    Intermediate Spanish II	
SPANISH 005    Advanced Spanish I	
SPANISH 006    Advanced Spanish II	
THEATER 100    Introduction to Theater	
or Any List A course not already used	

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**Total 18-20**



## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

*NOTE: A minimum of 60 units and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher must be completed to earn the Associate Degree. Major courses must each be completed with a grade of C or better. Always consult a counselor for information on program and graduation requirements, residency requirements and transfer information.*

## SELLING YOURSELF AS AN ENGLISH MAJOR

Start with the basics. The most important factor for English degrees is communication. Every employer in every industry needs quality communication, and if any job includes written documents of any type, you have the potential to be an important employee.

English majors also have the ability to think critically and develop creative solutions to problems and issues affecting businesses. Many employers love how English majors can deal with obscure, indirect concepts and create comprehensible solutions.

Finally, the ability to read, review, and recycle information should not be overlooked. The legal profession, for example, will have lots of industry-specific terminology written by long-winded attorneys. It takes someone with the training and skills of an English major to cut through the jargon and tell people exactly what they need to know, in relatable terms. This principle applies to many industries, including technology, medical, and financial sectors.

*This description was provided by the Get Educated website.*

# ENGLISH MAJOR JOBS

## **Advertising Manager:**

- Average salary: **\$127,560** (Top 10% can make over **\$210,000**)
- You'll guide research, create long and short-term plans, and meet with clients to provide advice or sell your services.
- The job has consistent growth, sitting at 9% between 2014 and 2024.

## **Lawyer:**

- Average salary: **\$118,160** (Top 10% can make over **\$210,000**)
- The career will require an extensive legal education, but majoring in English is an excellent start before law school. Lawyers need to communicate effectively with people from many different background and many different levels of education.
- The career growth is expected to be at 6%, which is just under the national average.

# ENGLISH MAJOR JOBS

## **Public Relations Manager:**

- Average salary: **\$107,320** (Top 10% can make over **\$200,000**)
- In this position, you will write press releases, determine how to reach the right audience, help clients communicate, and develop an organizations identity, among many other responsibilities.
- Job outlook has an expected rise of 7%, right alongside the national average.

## **Technical Writer:**

- Average salary: **\$69,850** (Top 10% can make over **\$110,000**)
- These professionals determine the information needs of users and create documents that help people understand various types of technologies. These documents can be used across a wide range of platforms, including online and paper resources.
- Job growth is expected to be 10%, but technical writers will need lots of experience with both writing and handling technologies.

# ENGLISH MAJOR JOBS

## Writer & Author:

- Average salary: **\$61,240** (Top 10% can make over **\$120,000**)
- In this career, you'll get to choose subject matter, conduct research (even if it's fiction), create scripts, present initial drafts, and work with editors to refine and revise your content.
- The career growth is expected to be at 6%, just under the national average.

## High School Teacher:

- Average salary: **\$58,030** (Top 10% can make over **\$90,000**)
- Preparing students for life after graduation, teachers provide lessons on many different subjects, which can include English and writing.
- The career growth is expected to be at 8%, just above the national average.

# ENGLISH MAJOR JOBS

## **College Professor of English (Full-Time):**

- Average salary in California: **\$80,000** (Top 10% can make over **\$140,000**)
- You will help community college or university students improve their reading and writing skills.
- Job growth for all college professors is high (about 17%), but many colleges are hiring more part-time faculty to save money, making it harder to land a full-time job.

## **Librarian:**

- Average salary: **\$57,680** (Top 10% can make over **\$90,000**)
- Librarians can help patrons with research, teach classes about information technologies, and organize library materials.
- With an expected job growth of 2%, opportunities may be slightly limited in the future.

# ENGLISH MAJOR JOBS

## **Editor:**

- Average salary: **\$57,210** (Top 10% can make over **\$110,000**)
- An editor may review for spelling and grammar, but they can also rewrite text, verify facts, evaluate submissions, and assign articles to specific writers. In many cases, they will act as a manager for a writing team.
- With expected job growth of 1%, opportunities may be slightly limited in the future.

## **Interpreter & Translator:**

- Average salary: **\$118,160** (Top 10% can make over **\$200,000**)
- For this career, you'll obviously need fluency in another language, such as Spanish or Mandarin, but an English major will help you make you a more effective communicator. As an interpreter, you will work with the spoken language, while translators work with written language (think transcripts).
- With continuing globalization, the demand for this profession is expected to skyrocket, rising 29% from 2014 to 2024.