While teaching and writing are great fields, they aren’t the be-all and end-all of what English majors can do. English majors are CEOs, doctors, and lawyers. They own their own businesses. They work in a variety of fields, including non-profit organizations and government agencies, as well as the publishing, media, and performance industries.

English major skills make good business sense. You develop a greater ability to focus on complex, deeply-layered material, analyze it, and notice both its details and larger implications. Business leaders call this skill set “sense making.”

The English curriculum prepares you to be a deep reader and thinker, a thoughtful and effective communicator, a problem solver who handles information well, and a strong leader as well as a team player. These strengths make for valuable employees in a variety of professions.

While your future employer probably won’t ask you to analyze a Jane Austen novel, managing broad, big-picture thinking and analyzing details are useful skills. Writing well is prized in any field, and English majors are often the best writers to be found.

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DEGREES

• Bachelor of Arts, English
• Bachelor of Science, Secondary English Education
• Bachelor of Science, Liberal Studies: Concentration in English
• Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies: Concentration in writing
• Minor in creative writing
• Minor in writing
• Minor in literature
• Minor in professional writing and rhetoric

SCHOLARSHIPS

• The Gilbert Neiman Scholarship (entering freshmen and second-semester sophomores)
• The Joseph F. and Susannah Centorcelli Scholarship (second-semester sophomores)
• The English Alumni Endowed Junior Scholarship (juniors)
• Max Nemmer Memorial Scholarship (seniors)

OPPORTUNITIES

• Attend cultural events in Clarion, Pittsburgh and elsewhere
• Join English Club, Sigma Tau Delta, and raise funds for breast cancer research through Read for the Cure
• Engage in undergraduate research
• Travel and present at conferences
• Be involved in service learning by tutoring at 537 Clarion
• Train to become a writing consultant at The Writing Center
• Work on (and write for) Tobeco, an award-winning literary journal
• Perform at Tobeco open mic nights
• Get an internship
• Study abroad
• Attend the Chautauqua Writer’s Festival
• Become an English Major of the Month

THE THINGS YOU’LL DO

• Read great texts!
• Talk about literature, texts and writing
• Strengthen your writing
• Write strategically
• Be creative and play with language
• Develop your critical thinking, problem-solving and analytical skills
• Handle information resources ethically and effectively
• Consider big life questions and deepen your understanding of the world and its peoples
• Get to know our award-winning, smart, friendly, dedicated and diverse students and professors

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