English is a major branch of the language arts with a primary focus on writing, reading, literature and speech. Although accurate usage of the English language is essential to the college graduate, encountering the humanizing forces of languages and literature is the primary objective of the major. The graduate of English is prepared for numerous career possibilities, including business, literature, law, teaching and journalism.

**Associated Job Titles:**
- Book Editor
- Copywriter
- Editor
- Poet
- Proofreader
- Lawyer
- Prose Writer
- Screenwriter
- Teacher
- Professor
- Bookstore Manager
- Court Reporter
- Grant Writer
- Literary Agent
- Consumer Affairs Investigator
- Legal Assistant
- Publisher
- ESL Teacher

**Associated Skills:**
- Background of general knowledge
- High proficiency in reading, writing and speaking
- Comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary
- Good listening, clarifying, questioning, and responding skills
- Ability to conduct and clearly explain research results
- Ability to read analytically
- Capacity to work well under pressure
- Ability to make critical observations and appropriate decisions
- Ability to concentrate for long periods of time

**Associated Personal Qualities:**
- Intellectual growth
- Independence
- Creativity
- Self-discipline
- Integrity
- Imagination
- Desire to influence others
- Willingness to work toward deadlines
- Love for writing and/or speaking

**Places To Contact For More Information:**
- American Society of Journalists & Authors
  1501 Broadway, Suite 1907
  New York, NY 10036
- Society for Technical Communication, Inc.
  901 N. Stuart St., Suite 904
  Arlington, VA 22203
- The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, Inc.
  P.O. Box 300
  Princeton, NJ 08503

**Websites To Visit:**
- www.cal.org/ncle
- www.tesol.org
- www.ed.gov
- www.nwu.org
- www.stc.org
- www.authorsguild.com

**Professors To Contact For More Information:**
- Dr. Chuck Gobin, Chair
- Dr. Devin Brown
- Dr. Marcia Hurlow
- Professor Teresa Jenkins
- Dr. Dan Strait
- Dr. Paul Vincent

**Nearby Employers:**
- Lexington Herald-Leader
  100 Midland Ave. 231-3100
- The Jessamine Journal
  507 N. Main St. Nicholasville 885-5971
- Fayette County Public Schools
  701 E. Main St. 281-0100
- Jessamine County School System
  501 E. Maple St. Nicholasville 885-4179

*Addresses listed are located in the Lexington, Kentucky area unless otherwise noted.

**Alumni Contacts:**
Schedule an appointment with Career Services to conduct a tailored search for alumni working in the fields associated with this major.

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**Note:** For specific information concerning course requirements of this major, please pick up a major sheet at the Registrar’s Office located in the Administration building.

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