

Study English. Do anything.



Kaitlyn DeHerrera '20
English major

First: Software tech analyst,
The Boeing Co.

Now: Release train engineer,
The Boeing Co.

"One thing I've learned about working with software developers professionally is that their work is essentially fruitless if they're unable to describe the deliverables to customers. My English courses prepared me to be versatile in my writing, taking into account how an author's expertise can best translate to the audience. My ability to read, understand, and make documents better for the next person has made me an asset to my team now, and will leave a lasting impact for the future success of the program.

"Being able to think critically about written language has been invaluable in my career, and continues to be invaluable as I grow as a person. On a professional level, I cannot stress enough the importance of being able to write a simple desktop instruction. Those with the ability to document their work and convey ideas to others through writing are far more successful than those who cannot.

"The software industry is booming, and there aren't enough 'technical' people to support it. Companies are starting to realize, though, that you don't need to know how to code software to sell it. If your passion lies with English, trust in yourself and your ability to find a career where your skills will bring success to an industry that may be an untraditional choice for an English major."

24%
enrolled in graduate
or professional school



Classical studies: University of Michigan

English: Boston University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, University of St. Andrews, University of Virginia

Fiction writing: Columbia University

Global health: Trinity Dublin College

Graphic design: California Institute of the Arts

Irish writing: Trinity College Dublin

Law: Boston College, George Washington University, John Hopkins University, Syracuse University, UCLA, Vanderbilt University

Market analytics and digital marketing: Northwestern University

Medicine: Baylor College of Medicine, Michigan State University, SUNY Upstate Medical Center, University of Toledo

Poetry: Miami University, University of Florida, Wichita State University

Political Science: University of Michigan

Public administration: University of Washington

Publishing: New York University

Writing for stage and broadcast media: The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama

10%
pursued
other
opportunities



(Completing an internship, joining the military, conducting research, taking a gap year, pursuing independent creative or freelance work, or volunteering)

Source: Center for Career Development First Destination Reports, 2017-2021

98%

of recent Notre Dame English majors
found success within six months
of graduation.

45%
started full-time jobs



Account executive, Yelp
Analyst, Goldman Sachs
Assistant broker, Waterville Advisors
Assistant marketing manager,
John Wiley and Sons
Attorney development assistant,
Ropes and Gray
Audit staff, EY
Brand specialist, Kraft Heinz Company
Breaking news reporter,
Tampa Bay Times
Content manager, Brightspot
Clinical research assistant, Children's
National Medical Center
Corporate legal assistant,
Davis Polk & Wardwell
Development apprentice,
Actors Theatre of Louisville
Digital strategy consultant, IBM
Editor, World Book
Editorial assistant, Red Line Editorial
Education consulting analyst,
Huron Consulting Group

Environmental professional, Marathon
Petroleum Corp.
Financial analyst, Ford Motor Co.
Instructional designer, TIER1
Performance Solutions
Investment banking analyst,
Marathon Capital
Legal assistant, Gallivan,
White, & Boyd, P.A.
Marketing assistant, Wonderbound
Dance Company
Multimedia content coordinator,
KTRK-ABC 13 News
Programming coordinator, Overtime
Project management, Epic
Publicity assistant, Bloomsbury
Pulliam Fellow, *Indianapolis Star*
Research associate, Yale University
Specialist, National Geographic Society
Subsidiary rights/editorial assistant,
Harlequin Enterprises
Teacher, True North Classical Academy
Writing expert, Proffit at Grammarly

Curriculum requirements English Major

Introduction to Literary Studies

Two Cultures courses

One Methods, Forms, and Genres course

Three Histories of Literature courses (two must be on pre-1800 periods)

Three additional English courses

English Major with optional Concentration in Creative Writing

Introduction to Literary Studies, two
Cultures courses, two Histories of Literature
courses, and one additional English course

Four Creative Writing courses

19%
entered
service
programs



Alliance for Catholic Education,
Tucson, Arizona
Farm of the Child, Trujillo, Honduras
House of Brigid, Dublin, Ireland
Japan Exchange and Teaching Program
Open Arms Home for Children,
South Africa
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