Do you love words, ideas, and people? Are you amazed at the imagination of Chaucer, the excitement of Shakespeare, or the insights of Sylvia Plath? "I've always enjoyed reading," you say. "I like studying literature, and I've even thought about writing. But what will I do for a living?"

A degree in English offers excellent training for many careers. While some English majors pursue graduate studies in literature to prepare for teaching, others establish successful careers in publishing, law, journalism, business, public relations, advertising and government. The explosion of web-based communications has created a demand for engaging writers. Talented, articulate women and men who can analyze complex situations, think critically and write creatively or persuasively will continue to be sought by employers of all fields.

The teacher-student relationship is one of the English Department's greatest strengths. Small classes, close advising, individualized instruction and discussion-oriented seminars provide a dynamic, personal atmosphere for learning. The English program acquaints you with many forms of literary expression, deepening your sensibilities and developing your intellect. Clear judgment and concise communication are a goal of every course. Students can choose concentrations in literature, writing, journalism, education or drama, and often decide to minor in another subject. An active internship program offers opportunities to work in a variety of settings, where students gain valuable professional experience before graduation.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ENGLISH MAJOR:**
- Visit the English Department’s Website: [http://www.sju.edu/int/academics/cas/english/index.html](http://www.sju.edu/int/academics/cas/english/index.html)
- Visit the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Support Center, located in Barbelin 122
- Contact the English Department to schedule a meeting with a faculty member by calling 610-660-1892
- Speak with current students in the major
- Schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center at 610-660-3100

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ENGLISH?**
Whatever you put your mind to! You can learn much more at [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org). Following are descriptions of just a few of the careers you might pursue:

**Editor:** Performs variety of editorial duties, such as laying out, indexing, and revising content of written materials, in preparation for final publication.

**Program Director:** Directs and coordinates activities of personnel engaged in preparation of radio or television station program schedules and programs, such as sports or news.

**Public Relations Specialist:** Engages in promoting or creating good will for individuals, groups, or organizations by writing or selecting favorable publicity material and releasing it through various communications media. May prepare and arrange displays, and make speeches.
**Writer/Author:** Originates and prepares written material, such as scripts, stories, advertisements, and other material.

**HOW CAN I ENGAGE MY INTEREST IN ENGLISH OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?**
There are so many opportunities to get involved at Saint Joseph’s University and beyond – and to develop experience in your major while doing so! Here are just a few:

- Writing Fellows
- Crimson and Gray literary magazine
- The Hawk Newspaper
- American Literature Association

**OUTCOMES – A CLOSER LOOK AT SJU GRADUATES WITH DEGREES IN ENGLISH:**
As depicted in the chart below, the majority of new graduates have started their careers in the Education field. Many others have selected a variety of industries. (Data from Saint Joseph’s University Career Development Center’s Post-Graduation Survey, 2008 – 2012.)

*other industries include: Art/Museum/Architecture, Consulting Services, Public Interest/Research, Real Estate/Construction, Service/Volunteer, Entertainment/Sports/Recreation/Hospitality, Financial Services, Government*
Here is a sampling of positions our graduates have accepted:

Admissions Coordinator
Advertising Sales Associate
Classroom Teacher
Choice Fellow
Content Writer in Press Room
Development and Alumni Relations
Development Associate
Editorial Assistant
Educational Content Developer
Freelancer
Journalist
Junior Underwriter
Leadership Development Manager
Legal Assistant
Literary Agent
Manager Trainee
Marketing Assistant/Coordinator
News Assistant
Paralegal
Personal Stylist
Political Campaign Worker
Police Officer
Program Director
Provider Relations
Public Relations Manager
Senior Communications Consulting Analyst
Sports Writer
Staff Writer
Training Coordinator

Organizations that have hired our graduates include:

Academy of Notre Dame
BlogHer Inc.
BluPrint Communications
BDP International
CNN
Congreso de Latinos Unidos
Community Women’s Education Project
Courier Post Newspaper
Delaware Valley Daily Times
Drexel University
ECRI Institute
Haverford High School
Hotwire Communications
Institute of Notre Dame High School
JTE Multimedia
Jesuit Volunteer Corps
McMillin
Montgomery Publishing
Pearson VUE
Philadelphia Free Library
Philadelphia Magazine
Philadelphia Teaching Fellows
Progressive Business Publications
Recorder Newspaper
Simon & Schuster
The Philadelphia Inquirer
The Walt Disney Company
University of Pennsylvania
WMTR AM 1250 Radio


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Some of the graduate schools in which our new graduates have continued their education, in programs including Education, Humanities/Arts, Law, Medicine and Social Science:

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**FURTHER ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR MAJOR AND CAREER OPTIONS**

The Career Development Center can help you with the process of choosing a major and exploring your career options. For assistance, please call 610-660-3100 to schedule an appointment to meet with a Career Counselor.

**GETTING THE JOB – SAMPLE ENGLISH MAJOR RESUME**
Lawrence Latches

EDUCATION
Saint Joseph's University
Bachelor of Art, Major in English
Philadelphia, PA
May 2014

Birkbeck College, University of London
- Studied British Literature and Drama
London, England
Spring 2013

WORK EXPERIENCE
Department of English, Saint Joseph's University
Summer Scholar
Philadelphia, PA
May 2013 – Present
- Writing a creative adaptation of Virginia Woolf’s Mrs. Dalloway under the mentorship of Fr. Joseph Feeney, S.J.
- Exploring the main ideas of modernism and applying core themes to issues facing contemporary college youth i.e., homosexuality, search for identity, increasing independence, uncertainty of future.

Saint Joseph's University Writing Center
Writing Fellow
Philadelphia, PA
October 2012 – Present
- Consult with graduate and undergraduate students on writing projects.
- Provide feedback on writing, address student concerns, and provide resources for reference.
- Compiled handbook for writing across the curriculum, incorporating writing strategies for selected academic departments from the university.

Collier's Magazine
Intern
Berwyn, Pennsylvania
September 2012 – December 2012
- Proofread and edited all online content.
- Wrote daily for an Editor’s blog on the Collier’s website.
- Researched and gathered author outreach information for potential articles in future issues.
- Created twitter and facebook updates.

Collegeville Inn
Waiter
Collegeville, PA
(Summer) 2011 & 2012
- Provided customers with extraordinary service to ensure a pleasant dining experience.
- Completed nightly money reports and oversaw restaurant closing at the end of the day.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE
Published in: Crimson and Gray (2011); The Molotov Cocktail (2010); This Zine (2010); Four-Cornered Universe (2009)

Student Union Board, Saint Joseph's University
President
Philadelphia, PA
Spring 2013 - Present
- Elected President by 3800 undergraduate students.
- Provide the campus community with educational and entertaining events.
- Preside over weekly board meetings and prepare annual reports.
- Oversee an annual budget consisting of $150,000.

Vice-President
2012 - 2013
- Organized training programs for committee chairpersons on the board.
- Designed committee goals and served as liaison to other organizations on campus.

Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honors Society, Saint Joseph's Chapter
President
Philadelphia, PA
Spring 2013 - Present