

# Earn an A.A. degree with a pathway to a major in **English**



The study of English provides opportunities to explore the worlds of literature and culture. Coursework focuses on areas such as literary study of the historical periods of medieval, Renaissance, and eighteenth through twenty-first centuries, and the themes and issues that have touched people in all cultures and times.



An A.A. degree with a pathway to a major in English provides you with skills for a variety of positions in business, government, research, education, publishing, as well as in the cultural, entertainment, and communications industries. English as an area of study is versatile and helps you develop skills useful in many career fields.

## What Skills Will I Learn?

You will...

- Become an accomplished writer
- Learn critical analysis
- Develop global awareness
- Explore the timeless themes of humanity

## Where Can I Work? How Much Can I Earn?\*

- Advertising Agencies
- Insurance Companies
- Book & Magazine Publishers
- Community Arts Centers
- Libraries
- Market Research Companies
- Media (Radio, TV)
- Educational Institutions
- Newspapers/Magazines

Lawyer	\$76,641
Editor	\$46,851
Grants/Proposal Writer	\$48,133
Secondary School Teacher	\$42,261
Marketing Comm. Specialist	\$48,339
Professor	\$87,335
Web Content Editor	\$45,298
Technical Writer	\$53,340



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## Career Opportunities

There is a popular misconception that the only career for someone who studies English is teaching high school or college. Contrary to popular belief, there is a wide range of opportunities available to those who study English. Those who study English can also:

**Become a lawyer** - Many lawyers start out with a strong foundation in English and then pursue pre-law.

**Become a writer** (journalist, novelist, essayist, technical writer, etc.) - Who better to explore the fascinating ins and outs of language than someone who has studied the greatest world classics?

**Become a marketing specialist** - If you can write about products and compel consumers to buy them, you can have a successful career in marketing.

**Become a researcher** – In your English courses you have to do extensive research and the ability to do research is a skill that many companies are willing to pay for.

**Become a copy writer** - Many companies need a copywriter at some point. Copywriters are often enlisted to create newsletters, direct mail letters, and so many other pieces.

**Become an editor** (or editorial assistant) - Editors oversee the review, evaluation, and perhaps the solicitation of manuscripts for publication as books.

These are only a few of the many career opportunities available to students who pursue a pathway to a degree in English.



## What Does MDC Offer?

MDC North offers several interesting courses for students who earn an AA degree with a pathway to a major in English, including:

- CRW 2001 Creative Writing
- ENC 1112 Proofreading & Grammar
- LIT 2120 Survey of World Literature
- LIT 2330 Children's Literature
- LIT 2480 Issues in Literature & Culture

One of the more exciting opportunities offered at MDC North is being a part of **Axis** magazine. Once per year, our department publishes a creative arts magazine called **Axis**. Faculty advisors work with a team of students to collect, edit and publish works produced by North campus students. You may wish to have some of your own works published and/or take part in putting it all together!

The English department at the North Campus offers students several resources to support student development of writing skills:

**The English Support Center (ESC)** along with the Center for Student Success offers students, whose writing skills demonstrate a need for continued instructional support, the opportunity to register for ENC 1113 as a 1 or 2-credit course. ENC 1113 reinforces the principles of composition and is individualized to meet the student's specific needs. In addition, 30-minute sessions with a lab instructor can also be arranged on a limited basis without the need to register for ENC 1113.

The English Support Center also has an electronic classroom with 30 computer workstations and audio/visual equipment allowing instructors to use the latest in educational technology to enhance students' learning experience. There is a smaller open lab area available throughout the day, which gives students the opportunity to complete web-based assignments.

### Contact Us

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