**Potential Careers**

NMU’s English Graduate Bound Program prepares students for employment in the following careers:

**Occupations**
- Broadcasting
- Columnist
- Community College English Professor
- Copy Editor
- Copy Writer
- Foreign Service Officer
- Free-lance Writer
- Publicity and Promotions
- Script Writer
- University/College Relations
- University English Professor

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**Additional Resources and Info**

**For Career Planning and Opportunities:**
- Academic & Career Advisement Center
  - 3302 C.B. Hedgcock
  - 906-227-2971
  - [www.nmu.edu/acac](http://www.nmu.edu/acac)
- English Department
  - 3200 Jamrich Hall
  - 906-227-2711
  - [www.nmu.edu/english](http://www.nmu.edu/english)

**For Job Search, Resume and Career Information:**
- Career Services
  - 3302.3 C.B. Hedgcock
  - 906-227-2800
  - [www.nmu.edu/careers](http://www.nmu.edu/careers)

**For Information about NMU Student Organizations Associated with this Major Contact:**
- Center for Student Enrichment
  - 1206 University Center
  - 906-227-2439
  - [www.nmu.edu/cse](http://www.nmu.edu/cse)
- Passages North
  - [myweb.nmu.edu/~passages](http://myweb.nmu.edu/~passages)

**Internet Resource Links:**
- [www.careers.org](http://www.careers.org)
- [www.careerresource.net](http://www.careerresource.net)

**For Career Information with National Organizations:**
- [www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org) Modern Language Association

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English Graduate Bound

Do you enjoy your English classes? Have you ever considered school beyond the baccalaureate level? The English Graduate Bound major is primarily designed to prepare students for study in English graduate schools, and eventually plan to teach at post-secondary institutions.

The English Graduate Bound major at NMU is recommended for those interested in graduate school and post-secondary teaching. In addition to the specified English requirements and liberal studies, the English Graduate Bound major requires students to take a foreign language through the Intermediate II level. Due to the comprehensiveness of this major, there is no minor required. It is strongly suggested that students interested in this major contact English faculty for advice and assistance early on in their studies.

The English Graduate Bound major covers a wide array of areas which prepare students to focus on general or specific topics during their graduate work. Generally, students who complete a Masters Degree in English would be able to teach at community colleges, while students who complete a Doctorate could teach at universities.

Skills and Competencies

As in most other fields, strong interpersonal communication and organizational skills are a must for any professional. Some other valuable skills and competencies specific to a profession in the English area include critical analysis, self-discipline and motivation.

An English major strengthens your reading and writing, as well as your ability to think critically, analyze, interpret and argue logically in addition to other valuable skills.

Course Work

This degree includes the following courses as part of the program requirements, and specific major requirements along with liberal studies and graduation requirements.

Core
EN 283 Survey of British Literature I (4 cr.)
EN 284 Survey of British Literature II (4 cr.)
EN 366 Applied Literary Theory (4 cr.)
EN 420 Shakespeare (3-4 cr.)
Research paper in two variable credit courses
EN 493 Senior Seminar: The English Professional (2 cr.)

British Literature Courses
Choose 6-8 credits from the following:
EN 312 Medieval British Literature (3-4 cr.)
EN 320 Renaissance British Literature (3-4 cr.)
EN 322 Restoration 18th Century British Literature (3-4 cr.)
EN 330 British Romantic Literature (3-4 cr.)
EN 340 Victorian Literature (3-4 cr.)
EN 360 Modern British Literature (3-4 cr.)
EN 382 British Literature 1960 to Present (3-4 cr.)
EN 412 Chaucer (3-4 cr.)
EN 422 Milton (3-4 cr.)

American Literature Survey or Period Course
Choose 8 credits from the following:
EN 370 Am Lit I: Columbus to American Revolution (4 cr.)
EN 371 Am Lit II: Emergent National Voices (4 cr.)
EN 372 Am Lit III: Realism, Naturalism, thru WWI (4 cr.)
EN 373 Am Lit IV: Modern Voices (4 cr.)
EN 375 Diverse Traditions in American Literature (4 cr.)
EN 375Z Diverse Traditions in American Literature (4 cr.)
EN 376 Am Lit V: Contemporary Voices (4 cr.)
EN 378 Early African-American Literature (4 cr.)
EN 379 Modern African-American Literature (4 cr.)

Other Required Courses
FR 202 Intermediate French II (4 cr.) or
SN 202 Intermediate Spanish (4 cr.) or
GR 202 Intermediate German (4 cr.)

See website below for Genre, World Literature/Diverse Traditions and other major requirements.

Career Development

You should begin the resume-building process as soon as you can. The Academic and Career Advisement Center can assist you with career planning, while Career Services will help you fine tune your resume and look for jobs related to your field. In the meantime, the more hands-on experience you have, the better the chances are that you will find a job. Becoming involved in a professional related internship is a way to develop your professional skills and gain experience. Your academic course work is important as well, so be sure to maintain a high grade point average.

Additional Considerations

Previous experience or internships can increase your chances of employment greatly.

Additional schooling beyond a Bachelors Degree is required for teaching. Vocational and Community College instructors usually require at least a Masters Degree (2-3 additional years). University’s professors usually have a Doctoral Degree (5-8 additional years). Remember to take any additional entrance exams early because results may take several weeks.

Job Outlook

Starting salaries are contingent upon geographic location and the individual applicant’s work experience and initiative, and usually range from $25,000 to $35,000, but increase with completion of additional degrees. Different careers make varied amounts of money. Writing and related fields are expected to grow at an average rate, expecting to jump by 10%. Teaching fields are expected to grow at about the same rate.

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Detailed course descriptions can be found at www.nmu.edu/bulletin.