

# 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

Strong interpersonal communication and organizational skills are a must for any professional. 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 general education courses and graduation requirements.

### Core

- EN283** Survey of British Literature I (4 cr.)
- EN284** Survey of British Literature II (4 cr.)
- EN366** Applied Literary Theory (4 cr.)
- EN420** Shakespeare (3-4 cr.)
- Research paper in two variable credit courses**
- EN493** Senior Seminar (2 cr.)

British Literature Courses (6-8 cr.)

American Literature Courses (8 cr.)

World Literature/Diverse Trad. (3-4 cr.)

Genre Course (3-4 cr.)

English Electives (14 cr.)

Other Required Courses

- FR202** Intermediate French II (4 cr.) *or*
- SN 202** Intermediate Spanish (4 cr.)
- GR 202** Intermediate German (4 cr.)

**(Note that this foreign language study may require up to 4 semesters, depending on your previous experience.)**

*Detailed course descriptions can be found at [www.nmu.edu/bulletin](http://www.nmu.edu/bulletin).*

## 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 college teaching. Vocational and Community College instructors usually require at least a Masters Degree (2-3 additional years). University 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.

# Potential Careers

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

- Acquisitions Editor
- Advertising/Marketing
- Broadcasting
- Business
- Columnist
- Community College English Professor\*
- Consumer Public Relations
- Copy Editor
- Copy Writer
- Data Processing
- Diplomat
- Editor
- Event Planner
- Foreign Service Officer
- Free-lance Writer
- Grant Writer
- Information Specialist
- International Education
- Management Trainee
- Museum Curator
- Personnel Relations
- Project Editor
- Public Opinion Analyst
- Public Relations Coordinator
- Publicity and Promotion
- Reporter
- Research Analyst
- Sales
- Sales/Marketing Representative
- Script Writer
- Technical Writer
- Translator
- University/College Relations
- University English Professor\*

\*Requires graduate degree

# Additional Resources and Information

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.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

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



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