

# English or English Education

## Which employers have hired Montana State University Billings English graduates?

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| E.W. Scripts Company / KTVQ | Univ. of MT School of Speech, Language and Hearing | Boys & Girls Club of Yellowstone County |
| Lewistown School District   | MSU Billings                                       | Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch          |
| Zoo Montana                 | Billings Chamber of Commerce                       | Billings School District                |

## What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals working in the English field?

| Occupation                        | Annual Mean Wage in MT* | Potential Lifetime Earnings*    |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| High School English Teacher+      | \$32,110 - \$59,110     | \$65,220 x 39 yrs = \$2,408,250 |
| Teacher Assistant, Post Secondary | \$44,440 - \$49,120     | \$43,750 x 39 yrs = \$2,470,650 |
| Technical Writer                  | \$45,090 - \$71,060     | \$80,050 x 39 yrs = \$3,121,950 |
| Library Services Specialist       | \$32,960 - \$35,760     | \$36,970 x 39 yrs = \$1,706,250 |

\*Based on the 2023 state mean and national median wage of occupations per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lifetime earnings are based on the national median wage  
 +Please review the Montana educator licensure requirements on the OPI website at <https://opi.mt.gov/>

## What percentage of English graduates report having a job after graduating?

Out of the 50% of 2023 English graduates who responded to MSUB'S Graduate Survey, **100% reported being employed\* after graduation.**

\* Employment includes employment in major, employment not in major, continuing education, and military service.

## Not sure if English is for you?

**1.** Take an introductory class in the program, such as Creative Writing or Literature. Keep mental notes or a journal to track what you like and dislike!

## Employment opportunities with advanced degrees:

- English Professor, MA or PhD in English
- Librarian, MLS in Library Science
- Linguist, MA or PhD in Linguistics
- Fiction Writer, MFA in Creative Writing

**2.** Get a part-time job in the field. Check out CareerLink by scanning the QR Code for the latest job openings!



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# ENGLISH

## Overview of the English program:

By offering a variety of subjects involving literary analysis, advanced writing skills, and fundamental linguistic knowledge, the BA in English prepares students for a wide variety of careers involving close reading, proficient writing, and flexible learning greatly valued by employers in all fields.

The BA in English with the Teaching Licensure Option further prepares majors to teach English at the high school level with the same basic requirements as those for the BA, plus key education courses that provide a crucial combination of theoretical and applied knowledge with practical experience to make them effective educators.

## What makes your program unique?

Majors in English have the opportunity to immerse themselves in areas of literature, writing, and linguistics at a far deeper level than they have experienced before. A degree in English uniquely qualifies students for careers in writing, editing, teaching, and any profession that values the ability to read closely, write and communicate clearly, and learn new skills efficiently. It also prepares students for graduate studies in many fields, from English and journalism to linguistics, speech and language pathology, and law.

## What students like most about the English major and minor:

Students in our programs will find themselves among a cohort of others who love to read, write, and discuss literature, linguistics, and writing of all kinds. Our department is small and very personal. We support our students as valued members of the English family.



Department Webpage:

<https://www.msubillings.edu/class/engphil>

