

# Futures for Literature Majors

## Ways to Make a Living (and Love Your Job)

Studying literature—the most imaginative, most complicated writing about our diverse culture—equips us for a lifetime of meaningful work in many fields, including:

The study of literature teaches us to appreciate the beauty of the written word and the complexities of the human condition.

It also teaches us the skills that employers **unanimously** agree are the most important traits they look for in new applicants.

Our ability to comprehend complex arguments, research issues, and articulate our original ideas sets us apart.

**Creative Reading** and **Critical Writing** increase our ability to:

**Empathize with others**

**Imagine a better world**  
(small and large)

**Articulate convincing  
new solutions  
to complex problems**

Publishing

Public Service

Entertainment

Education

Social Work

Non-Profit Work

Writing

Political Activism

Information & Research

Law

### Did You Know?

The “medical humanities” is a growing field that specifically seeks students with a humanities background to enter into STEM-based careers in medicine. Medical schools are even starting to give priority attention to these applicants. A strong background in the humanities tends to improve bedside manner, encourage holistic care, and provide a much-needed diversity to the way new doctors think about medicine and patient care.

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