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:

- Publishing
- Public Service
- Entertainment
- Education
- Social Work
- Non-Profit Work
- Writing
- Political Activism
- Information & Research
- Law

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

**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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