Career Outlook 2018: English

English Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: English (B.A.); English (B.S.): Teacher Licensure; Creative and Professional Writing (B.F.A.)

Fields of Emphasis: Writing Endorsement: Communication Arts & Literature (Elementary Education)

Minors: English, Electronic Writing (Certificate in Electronic Writing)

Department Website: http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/english

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

English majors have a variety of career choices. Many choose the teaching field, but other occupations include writing and editing. The “Occupational Outlook Handbook” (OOH) reports writers and authors held about 131,200 jobs and editors held about 127,400 jobs in 2016. About 39% of salaried editors worked in the publishing newspapers, periodicals, books and directory publications. Another 15% worked in professional, scientific, and technical services, as well as professional, religious, grant making, civic, and similar organizations.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for publications editor is expected to decline through 2026, with people established in their career generally earning between $29,760 and $111,610 per year. The median pay for 2016 was $57,210 per year. The demand for writers and authors is expected to grow as fast as average. The median pay for 2016 was $61,240.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ENGLISH GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University English graduates. Of the 2015-2016 Bemidji State University English graduates holding a B.A., 57.1% reported obtaining related employment. 30.8% of graduates are continuing their education. Of the Bemidji State University 2015-2016 English Education graduates holding a B.S., 100.0% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. Of the ten 2015-2016 Bemidji State University Creative and Professional Writing graduates, 14.3% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation, and 10% reported continuing their education. 100% of graduates holding an Electronic Writing Graduate Certificate have obtained related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU ENGLISH GRADUATES*:
(This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU ENGLISH GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
- Minnesota State University, Mankato, Mankato, MN
- University of Wisconsin Madison, WI
- Winona State University, Winona, MN

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

Bibliography:

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Bemidji State University Undergraduate Catalog 2017-2018. Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (2017)

For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/

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