

Career Outlook 2019: English

English Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

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

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

Minors: English, Digital Writing, Communication Studies

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 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 have little change through 2026, with people established in their career generally earning between \$30,830 and \$114,460 per year. The median pay for 2017 was \$58,770 per year. The demand for writers and authors is expected to grow as fast as average. The median pay for 2017 was \$61,820. Employment of high school teachers is projected to grow 8 percent from 2016 to 2026,

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ENGLISH GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University English graduates. Of the 2016-2017 Bemidji State University English graduates holding a B.A., 71.4% reported obtaining related employment. 27.3% of graduates are continuing their education. Of the Bemidji State University 2016-2017 English Education graduates holding a B.S., 100.0% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. Of the 2016-2017 Bemidji State University Creative and Professional Writing graduates, 85.7% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were continuing their education, 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.)

Academies of Math and Science	Middle School Language Arts Teacher	Tucson, AZ
Avalon English	English Teacher	Gwangju, SK
Bemidji High School	Special Education Assistant	Bemidji, MN
Prudential Financial	Insurance Agent	Minneapolis, MN
Walser Automotive Group	Finance Specialist	Edina, MN
Red Lake Schools	High School English Teacher	Red Lake, MN

WHERE BSU ENGLISH GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- California State University, Long Beach, CA

*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.

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

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