

Career Outlook: 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

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 123,200 jobs and editors held about 118,300 jobs in 2018. About 38% of salaried editors worked in newspapers, periodicals, books and directory publications. Another 17% worked in professional, scientific, and technical services, as well as religious, grant making, civic, and similar organizations.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for publications editor is expected to decline through 2028, with people established in their career generally earning between \$31,500 and \$117,810 per year. The median pay for 2018 was \$59,480 per year. The demand for writers and authors is expected to have little or no change. The median pay for 2018 was \$62,170. Employment of high school teachers is projected to grow 4 percent from 2018 to 2028.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ENGLISH GRADUATES:

There are various career opportunities for Bemidji State University English graduates. Of the twelve 2017-2018 Bemidji State University English graduates holding a B.A., 50% reported obtaining related employment and 25% of graduates are continuing their education. Of the 4 Bemidji State University 2017-2018 English Education graduates holding a B.S., 100.0% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. Of the nine 2017-2018 Bemidji State University Creative and Professional Writing graduates, 50% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation and 44% continued their education. 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.)

Bemidji Regional Interdistrict Council	Information Technology Specialist	Bemidji, MN
Captionmax	Caption Editor	Minneapolis, MN
Echo Press	Sports Reporter	Alexandria, MN
Kelliher Public School	English Teacher	Kelliher, MN
Medford High School	Teacher	Medford, MN
Red Lake County Central High School	English, Language, Arts Teacher	Oklee, MN
Self-Employed	Digital Marketing/Sales	Bemidji, MN
Sunburst Chemicals	Marketing Assistant	Bloomington, MN
WuXi AppTec	Study Specialist	St. Paul, MN

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

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
- Portland State University, Portland, OR
- University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

*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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<https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/>



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