

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.)

Minors: English, Digital Writing **Field of Emphasis:** Writing

Endorsement: Communication Arts & Literature (Elementary Education)

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 143,200 jobs and editors held about 108,600 jobs in 2020. About 34% of salaried editors worked in newspapers, periodicals, books and directory publications. Another 19% 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 2030, with people established in their career generally earning between \$33,620 and \$126,800 per year. The median pay for 2020 was \$63,400 per year. The demand for writers and authors is expected to grow 9 percent (as fast as average). The median pay for 2020 was \$67,120. Employment of high school teachers is projected to grow 8 percent from 2020 to 2030.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ENGLISH GRADUATES:

There are various career opportunities for Bemidji State University English graduates. Of the five 2019-2020 Bemidji State University English graduates holding a B.A., 100% reported obtaining related employment and two of the graduates are continuing their education. Of the 6 Bemidji State University 2019-2020 English Education graduates holding a B.S., 100.0% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. Of the 5 2019-2020 Bemidji State University Creative and Professional Writing graduates holding a B.F.A., 100% reported obtaining 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.)

Aldine ISD	Seventh Grade ELA Teacher	Houston, TX
Americorps	Literacy Tutor	St. Paul, MN
ASL	Intern	Olney, IL
Detroit Lakes School District	High School English Teacher	Detroit Lakes, MN
Keller Williams Realty Professionals	Office Coordinator	St. Cloud, MN
Kelliher School	English Teacher	Kelliher, MN
Mahnomen Public Schools	Language Arts Teacher	Mahnomen, MN
Self-Employed	Writer	Backus, MN
Weld County Reorganized School	MS ELS Teacher	Denver, CO

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

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

*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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