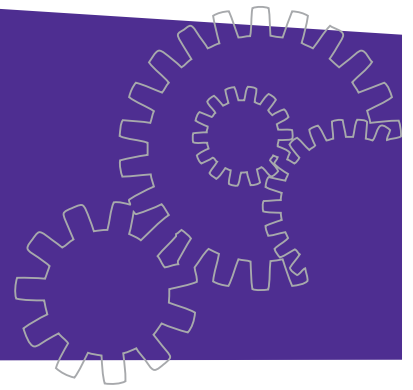


English Graduates



An Exeter graduate in English will typically have the ability to:

- use advanced literacy skills to communicate effectively in an appropriate style and apply sustained written and oral arguments coherently and persuasively;
- analyse and critically examine diverse forms of verbal and textual communication;
- adapt the critical methods of the discipline to a variety of working environments;
- gather, sift, interpret and organise substantial quantities of diverse information in structured ways;
- organise his/her time and workload as developed through the planning and delivery of written assignments, presentations and project work;
- exercise independent thought and judgement;
- comprehend and develop intricate concepts in an open-ended way that involves an understanding of aims and consequences;
- work with others through the presentation of ideas and information and the collective negotiation of solutions;
- work as part of a team including listening, contributing and leadership;
- understand, interrogate and apply a variety of theoretical positions and weigh the importance of alternative perspectives;
- handle information and arguments in a critical and self-reflective manner;
- use IT effectively to retrieve, evaluate and present information.

Did you know that English graduates develop skills in critical analysis, research, independent study, time management and communication skills?

All the skills listed above could potentially be incorporated into your CV, application form or job interview.

What can you do with your degree?

Specific knowledge gained from studying English is important if you want to pursue a career in teaching, lexicography, publishing or the media. A first degree in English also provides strong transferable skills that can be utilised across a variety of careers as well as further study. These include: self motivation, team work, an ability to work autonomously, time and priority management, flexibility when faced with new situations, and the ability to think creatively, self-critically and independently.

These are examples of the destinations of recent graduates from the English course(s) at Exeter, who were surveyed six months after graduation:

Employment

- Marketing Executive, Pearson Education, Harlow
- Commercial Assistant, Oxford University Press, Oxford
- Staff Reporter, Auto Express Magazine, London
- Publishing Assistant, Maverick Arts Publishing Ltd, Pulborough
- Editorial Assistant, Resource Media, Bristol
- Library Assistant, University College, Falmouth
- Sales Adviser/Reviewer, Maia Communications, Reading
- Graduate Sales Trainee, Michelin, Stoke on Trent
- Visitor Experience Assistant, National Trust, Devon
- Web Administrator, The Active Toy Company, Newbury
- Account Manager for Financial Sales, Euromoney, London
- Junior PR Consultant, Porcupine PR, Bridgwater

Further study

- PGCE Secondary English, University of the West of England
- MA Journalism, Goldsmiths, London
- PGCE Primary, University of Cambridge
- MA English Studies, University of Exeter
- MSc Rural Estate and Land Management, Royal Agricultural College
- Graduate Diploma in Law
- MA English, Oxford University
- MA International Studies and Diplomacy, School of Oriental and African Studies

English Graduates Contd.

What next?

Find out how you can use this information in your career planning and job hunting by using **Employability and Graduate Development**. Services include: free workshops (including writing CVs, application forms, psychometric testing, interview skills); training (including negotiation skills, commercial awareness, running your own business); one-to-one appointments with a Careers Consultant; occupational and employer information; careers fairs; employer presentations; job vacancies; and much more.

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