ENGLISH LITERATURE

Where will your postgraduate degree take you?

BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE KINDS OF EMPLOYMENT SECTORS, ORGANISATIONS AND PROFESSIONS THAT RECENT ENGLISH LITERATURE POSTGRADUATES HAVE ENTERED, BASED ON RESPONSES TO ‘DESTINATIONS OF LEAVERS’ SURVEYS CONDUCTED SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION.

Popular employment sectors
- Higher education
- Museum activities
- Operation of historical sites and similar visitor attractions
- Pre-press and pre-media services
- Primary education
- Publishing
- Secondary education

Typical occupations
- Admissions and Recruitment Coordinator
- Assistant Professor
- Constituency Assistant
- Deputy Head Teacher
- Lecturer
- Primary School Teacher
- Proof Reader
- Specialist Editorial Intern

Range of employers
- Birmingham Museums Trust
- Bloomsbury Publishing
- Civil Service
- Coventry Arts and Heritage Trust
- Galerie Dimiourgon (Athens)
- House of Commons
- Lancing College
- University of Birmingham
- University of Kent

I chose the University of Birmingham for my postgraduate degree because, after three years here, I couldn’t imagine going anywhere else. The teaching is personal, attentive and incredibly advanced, the red brick campus is beautiful, convenient and modern, and the overall experience is second to none.

One of the reasons I decided to do a Masters degree was because of my uncertainty for what I want to do afterwards, career wise. However, my initial research for my thesis topic has already really cemented my decision to look into a career in the press industry. I would love to write reviews of contemporary literature and my Masters has allowed me thus far to create professional relationships with individuals in this field of work. My degree has also improved my time management and organisation skills and I have grown as a person too.

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