

CAREERS FOR

English

MAJORS

A Bachelor's degree in English is one of the most versatile degrees in the humanities. Command of the English language and the ability to communicate in writing is a skill that is valued by virtually every employer. In addition, graduates of the English program gain advanced skills in research, rhetoric, persuasive writing, critical reading and more, and go on to pursue careers in law, journalism, business, and education among others. [UNM's Department of English Language and Literature](#) offers courses in five academic areas: Creative Writing, American Literary Studies, British and Irish Literary Studies, Medieval Studies, and Rhetoric and Writing.

Although many entry-level careers are available to those with a Bachelor's degree in English, English majors often choose to continue their education in disciplines such as law, English, and the humanities to prepare for the professions of [Lawyer](#) and [University Professor](#). Additionally, some pursue graduate education in creative writing, earning a Master of Fine Arts degree.

Graduate School

Admittance into graduate schools typically requires completed pre-requisites, passing of an entrance exam (GRE, LSAT), and a competitive GPA. Admission requirements vary based on the program.

- [UNM's School of Law](#)
- [UNM's Department of English Language and Literature](#)
- [UNM's Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing](#)

Industries & Target Employers

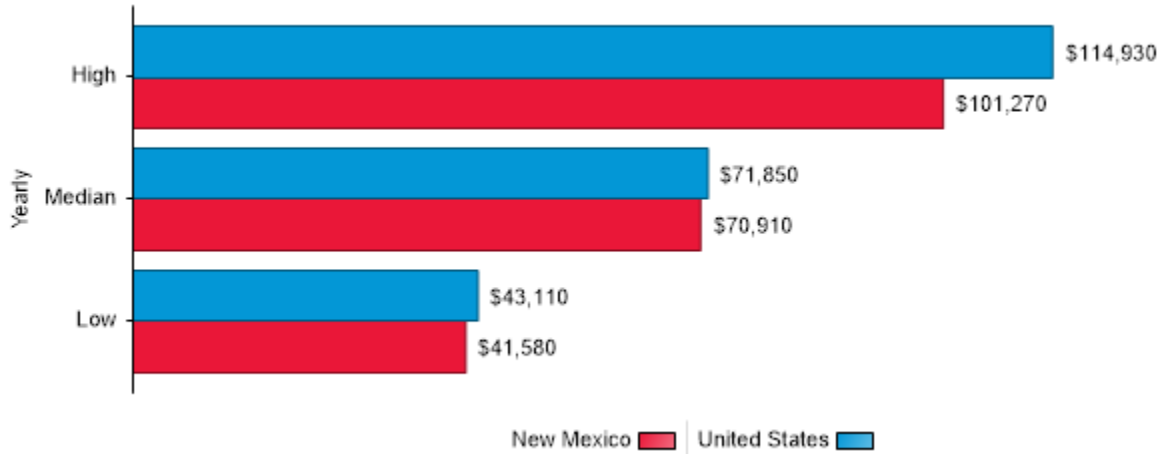
- Publishing/Journalism: creative writing, technical writing, editing, marketing/promotion, reporter/writer
- Education: K-12 Teacher, adult/GED education, academic advisor, college prep/success programs, student affairs, administration, ESL instructor
- Business/Nonprofit: public relations, communication specialist, company communications and publications, marketing/promotion, grant writing
- Law/Politics: lobbying, government relations, public policy, research, campaign management

Top Companies

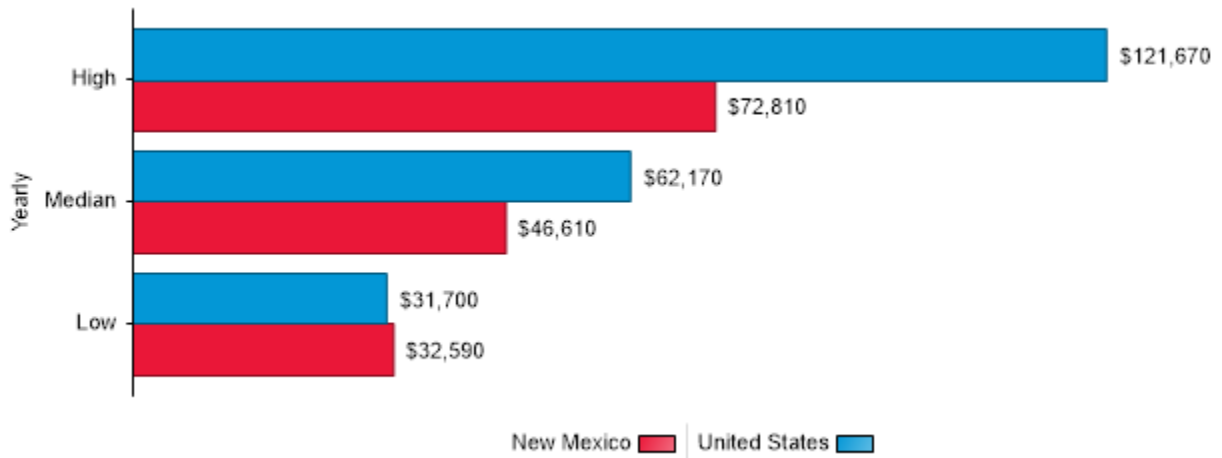
[University of New Mexico](#) and other colleges and universities
[Albuquerque Public Schools](#) and other school districts
[Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Libraries](#) and other public libraries

Salary Information

Wages for Technical Writers in NEW MEXICO



Wages for Writers and Authors in NEW MEXICO



Tips

- Take advantage of the broad range of opportunities offered by the English department to enhance your studies including lectures, reading series, and a robust [internship program](#).
- Did you know? You don't have to be on staff to write for the [Daily Lobo](#) – individual submissions are welcomed!

- Considering graduate school? Apply for the [McNair Scholars Program](#), which provides research opportunities, support with applying to grad school, and a summer stipend!

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