ENGLISH MAJOR SKILL SETS

READING: English majors are great readers. They can decode, analyze, and interpret complicated texts. This skill is invaluable to the practice of law and to the publishing, banking and insurance industries.

WRITING: English majors write well. They understand language and how it works. This ability is highly valued in the law and in all fields of business.

OBSERVING: English majors are well-prepared to observe processes and details. This skill is highly valued in technology-related and customer service industries.

CRITICAL THINKING: English majors can analyze, evaluate, and synthesize. Business, industry, and the legal profession all value critical thinking skills.

LISTENING: English majors are acute and responsive listeners. They can become excellent managers and customer service specialists.

SPEAKING: English majors are articulate speakers. This skill is essential in many fields, including law, teaching, and marketing.

INTERPERSONAL: English majors are acute and empathic observers of human nature. An interest in literature cultivates an interest and deep understanding of the ways people behave; English majors work well with others and can bring interpersonal skills to many communication situations.