

CAREER BRIEF



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BAKERSFIELD

Department of English

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN ENGLISH?

NATIONAL AVERAGE SALARY:

- \$65,262 per year

DEGREES:

- **Bachelor's Degree** in English, History, or Education
- **Master of Library Science Degree** or **Master of Information & Library Science Degree**

SUGGESTED CLASSES:

- Courses that involve logical reasoning, critical thinking, and problem-solving
- Research Methods
- Statistics/Statistical Analysis
- English
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- History
- Public Speaking

RELATED MINOR(S):

- Minor in Philosophy
- Minor in History

Librarian

Librarians oversee the collections of books, records, films, and recordings held in libraries. They are often responsible for organizing, cataloging, and recording library items and for loaning out items upon request. Academic librarians work in higher education, archives, research centers, and museums. Non-academic librarians work in public libraries, prisons, government agencies, law and medical libraries, and corporate libraries. K-12 school librarians (often called teacher-librarians or media specialists) are licensed educators who manage school library programs, teach information and digital literacy, and foster reading cultures.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- **American Library Association (ALA)** – <https://www.ala.org/>
- **Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL)** – <https://www.ala.org/acrl>
- **Public Library Association (PLA)** – <https://www.ala.org/pla>
- **American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)** – <https://www.aallnet.org/>
- **Medical Library Association (MLA)** – <https://www.mlanet.org/>
- **California Library Association** – <https://www.cla-net.org/>

CREDENTIALS/CERTIFICATIONS/CERTIFICATES:

- **Teacher Librarian Services Credential (California Commission on Teacher Credentialing)** – <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/cl-562/>
- **ISTE+ASCD Dual Edtech Leader Certification** – <https://iste.org/iste-certification-cohort-dual-librarian-certification>