

CAREER BRIEF



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BAKERSFIELD

Department of English

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN ENGLISH?

NATIONAL AVERAGE SALARY:

- \$67,734 per year

DEGREES:

- **Bachelor's Degree** in English, History, Art History, or Museum Studies
- **Master's Degree** in Library and Information Science (MLIS)
- **Master's Degree** in History, Public History, or Archival Administration

SUGGESTED CLASSES:

- **ENGL 4740:** Editing Fiction for the CSUB Journal Orpheus
- **ENGL 4750:** Editing Non-fiction for the CSUB Journal Calliope
- **GST 1170:** Primary Source Research
- **HIST 3860:** History Practicum
- **HIST 4030:** Archives and Special Collections
- **HIST 4040:** Oral History

RELATED MINOR(S):

- Minor in History
- Minor in Public History

Archivist

Archivists are professionals who organize and preserve record collections for a variety of institutions. They may work for government agencies, museums, universities, historical societies, or religious institutions. They often require a deep understanding of the documents and other items in their collection, as well as a knowledge of how to organize and access them. Archivists may curate exhibits, build new collections, conduct oral histories, help members of the public access materials for research or administrative purposes, and often work to preserve their collections from damage. In some organizations, archivists may work on digitizing their collections and making them available online.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- **Society of American Archivists (SAA)** – <https://www2.archivists.org/>
- **International Council on Archives (ICA)** – <http://ica.org/>
- **The Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA)** – <https://www.certifiedarchivists.org/>
- **Society of California Archivists (SCA)** – <https://calarchivists.org/>

CREDENTIALS/CERTIFICATIONS/CERTIFICATES:

- **Certified Archivist** – Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA)
- **Digital Archives Specialist** – Society of American Archivists (SAA)
- **Arrangement & Description (A&D) Certificate** – Society of American Archivists (SAA)
- **Professional Certificate of Completion in Rare Books and Manuscripts** – UCLA California Rare Book School