HONOURS BA ENGLISH

Besides providing an excellent base for professional careers, a degree in English literature can offer you unmatched intellectual challenges and rewards. The Department provides courses in all major historical periods and national traditions of literature in English. It also offers courses in creative writing and literary theory, along with general interest courses in such topics as literature and film, children’s literature, science fiction, graphic novels, and literature and the environment. The Undergraduate English degree lays a foundation for the pursuit of graduate studies, and is also an excellent preparation for professional degrees like Law, Business and Education.

This program is offered in English only.

Program Requirements

Co-operative education is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2022-2023 calendars (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

Basic Skills

3 course units from: 3 Units
PHI 1101 Reasoning and Critical Thinking
PHI 1301 Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments

3 course units from: 3 Units
AHL 1100 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹
AHL 1900 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹

PHI 1102 Moral Reasoning
PHI 1103 Fundamental Philosophical Questions
PHI 1104 Great Philosophers
PHI 1302 Philosophy: Themes and Texts

Compulsory Courses

ENG 1124 Engaging with Literature 3 Units
ENG 1140 Introduction to Indigenous Literatures 3 Units
ENG 1141 Reading the Contemporary World 3 Units
ENG 2105 Introduction to British Literature Before 1700 3 Units
ENG 2124 Second-Year Seminar 3 Units

Optional Courses

9 course units from: 9 Units
ENG 2106 Introduction to British Literature After 1700
ENG 2107 Introduction to Canadian Literature
ENG 2108 Introduction to American Literature
ENG 2175 Introduction to the Literatures of Asia and the Asian Diaspora
ENG 2176 Introduction to the Literatures of Africa and the African Diaspora

6 course units from the following Critical Conversations: 6 Units
ENG 2180 Critical Conversations: Sex and Gender Identities
ENG 2181 Critical Conversations: Race and Decolonization

3 course units from List A (Literature Before 1700): 3 Units
ENG 3133 Elizabethan Shakespeare
ENG 3134 Jacobean Shakespeare
ENG 3135 Early Modern Drama
ENG 3323 Medieval Literature I
ENG 3324 Medieval Literature II
ENG 3339 Sixteenth-Century Literature
ENG 3340 Seventeenth-Century Literature

3 course units from List B (Literature 1700-1900): 3 Units
ENG 3108 Transatlantic Literature 1700-1900
ENG 3318 Romantic Literature
ENG 3341 Eighteenth-Century Literature
ENG 3349 Restoration and 18th-Century Drama
ENG 3356 18th-Century and Romantic Fiction
ENG 3362 Victorian Literature
ENG 3364 Victorian Fiction
ENG 3377 American Fiction of the 19th Century
ENG 3384 Literatures of Exploration and Settlement in Canada
ENG 3385 Canadian Literature of the Confederation Period (1867-1912)

3 course units from List C (Literature 1900 to the Present): 3 Units
ENG 3106 Topics in Film Studies
ENG 3109 Transnational Literatures 1900-Present
ENG 3110 Canadian Drama
ENG 3190 Speculative Genres
ENG 3191 Gender, Sexuality, and Literature
ENG 3192 African American Literature
ENG 3193 Advanced Study in Children’s Literature
ENG 3194 Young Adult Literature
ENG 3320 Modern British Literature
ENG 3321 Canadian Short Story
ENG 3370 Modern British Poetry
ENG 3371 Modern Drama
ENG 3372 Modern Short Story
ENG 3373 Modern British Novelists
ENG 3374 Topics in the Environmental Humanities
ENG 3376 Contemporary Novel
ENG 3378 American Fiction 1900 to the Present
ENG 3379 American Poetry 1900 to the Present
ENG 3381 Indigenous Literatures
ENG 3383 Jewish Canadian Writers
ENG 3386 Canadian Fiction 1900 to 1950
ENG 3387 Canadian Fiction 1950 to the Present
ENG 3388 Canadian Poetry 1900 to the Present
ENG 3389 Writing Resistance in the English Literatures

3 course units from List D (Forms, Theories and Methods): 3 Units

ENG 3105  Book History: Theories and Methods
ENG 3107  Literature and Visual Culture: Theories and Approaches
ENG 3111  Poetics
ENG 3112  Narrative Genres: Theories and Approaches
ENG 3195  Critical Race Theory
ENG 3375  Critical Theory

12 course units in English (ENG) at the 3000 level from the list of optional courses  12 Units
6 course units at the 4000 level, 3 of which can be fulfilled by a Special Topics course.  6 Units

Total: 66 Units

Elective courses
54 elective course units  54 Units

Total: 54 Units

The electives may be replaced by a combination of a Minor, Option(s) (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/programs/#filter=filter_19&filter_170&filter_27), and/or elective units.

Note(s)
1. This course has variable topics. Students may take this course twice.
2. Honours Essays, Directed Readings, and Writing Workshops will not count towards 4000 level requirements.
   For example, this requirement could be fulfilled by 6 units of seminars OR 3 units of seminar and 3 units of special topics.