MAJOR IN 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

The table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (https://www.uottawa.ca/administration-and-governance/academic-regulation-3-program-of-studies/) for information on the Honours bachelor’s with double major and the Honours bachelor’s with major and minor.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2018-2019 calendars (https://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

Co-operative education is available when taken as part of an honours degree.

ENG 1124  Engaging with Literature  3 Units
ENG 2101  Introduction to Canadian Literature I: Beginnings to 1920  3 Units
ENG 2102  Introduction to Canadian Literature II: 1920 to the Present  3 Units
ENG 2103  Introduction to American Literature I: Beginnings to 1900  3 Units
ENG 2104  Introduction to American Literature II: 1900 to the Present  3 Units
ENG 2105  Introduction to British Literature I: Beginnings to 1700  3 Units
ENG 2106  Introduction to British Literature II: 1700 to the Present  3 Units
ENG 2124  Second-Year Seminar  3 Units
3 course units from List A (Literature Before 1700):  3 Units
ENG 3133  Elizabethan Shakespeare
ENG 3134  Jacobean Shakespeare
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 to the Present):  3 Units
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 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 3375  Critical Theory
6 optional course units in English (ENG) at the 4000 level  6 Units
Total:  42 Units

Note(s)

1 The 4000-level requirement can only be met by 4000-level seminars or special topics courses. Honours Essays, Directed Readings, and Writing Workshops will not count towards 4000 level requirements.