English Language and Literature

Get to know ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Our Department of English Language and Literature is one of the oldest departments of literature in Canada, dating back to 1888, but it also deals with contemporary writing and new media such as graphic novels.

The English curriculum is structured to ensure that in each year of your program you will be in one class small enough to let you feel comfortable making your voice heard and where you won’t get lost in the crowd. Our first-year lecture is supported with tutorials to help ease the transition from high school to university level writing and analysis; our second-year seminars allow you to study in-depth a single major work or cluster of related works. Our Creative Writing Program, led by nationally recognized writer/mentors Carolyn Smart and Armand Ruffo, offers workshops and collaborative response to your own work to help you hone your craft. This intensive classroom experience is enhanced by our Writer-in-Residence program which allows all creative writers, not just those in creative writing courses, to consult with a professional writer who offers advice and mentorship to our students.

Course HIGHLIGHTS

“History of Children’s Literature” has become one of our most popular courses for English specialists and as an elective for other students. Offered regularly both on campus and online, this course explores the cultural role played by works written especially for younger readers such as Charlotte’s Web and Alice in Wonderland. Other exciting courses are Global Shakespeare, and the new Literature and the Fantastic which is a study of literature dealing with the fantastic or containing supernatural or uncanny elements including samples of myth, romance, Gothic literature, and fantasy.

Queen’s ADMISSION

Students apply to Queen’s Arts (QA) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities’ Application Centre) website (ouac.on.ca). Secondary School prerequisites include six 4U and 4M courses, including a minimum of three 4U courses, one of which must be ENG4U. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements. Visit queensu.ca/admission for additional information regarding requirements and admission to Queen’s.

Degree PLANS

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Major / Medial / Minor in English / Minor in Medieval Studies
Internship option available
Online Bachelor of Arts (General)

A Year to CHOOSE

We often say that our students are like explorers. In Arts and Science, your first year is all about making choices and exploring new paths. Whether you are in Arts, Science or Computing, you will choose your courses from a wide variety of subjects as you settle into university life and become familiar with new styles of learning. By the end of your first year, you will have discovered your areas of interest, passion and success, and will then declare your major. Your first year, whether you consider it to be undeclared, undecided or simply a time for exploration, is bound to be a year full of adventure.

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global. That is a degree from Queen’s.

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# English Language and Literature MAJOR MAP

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MEDIAL, MINOR**

## GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

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<td>In first year take ENGL 100 along with other courses of interest. Build your transferrable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.</td>
<td>In second year take core courses: ENGL 200 (all plans). ENGL 290 (Seminar for Majors and Medials only). Majors take additional 9.0-12.0 ENGL units, medials take additional 3.0 ENGL units. See the Academic Calendar for all course requirements. Want to enhance your degree? Consider a certificate in Media Studies or explore other certificates available.</td>
<td>Try to complete all major requirements/core courses: Majors: 18.0 300-level ENGL units in three historical distribution groups. Medials: 12.0 300-level ENGL units in two historical distribution groups. Need help mapping all of your core, option, supporting and elective courses (including those not listed above) to make sure you will have what you need to complete your degree? Use the Course Mapping Tool on the Arts and Science website. Complete all remaining requirements for your plan (including 15.0 400-level ENGL units). By fourth year you should be working on your remaining core, option, and elective courses. Make sure to map your minor and / or certificate(s) as well. Apply to graduate in SOLUS.</td>
<td>Where could I go after graduation? Advertising Archives Broadcasting - radio and TV Business writing Communications Consulting Consumer services Copyright law Copywriting Corporate training/ development Diplomatic service Editing Education (including English as a second language) Foreign service Human resources Immigration services Journalism Libraries Linguistics Marketing Media – electronic and print Public service and administration Public relations Publishing Social work Speech and language therapy Technical writing Translation Travel and tourism Some careers may require additional training.</td>
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## GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Get involved in student publications, such as the Queen's Journal, the Queen's Feminist Review, or Ultraviolet Magazine. Explore broadcasting opportunities at CFRC and QTV. Learn about applying to positions in student services or the Alma Mater Society. If interested, apply to work at an on-campus library or the Queen's Learning Commons.
- Look into summer jobs by talking Career Services about work through SWEPC or Work-Study. Think about applying to positions in student services or the Alma Mater Society. If interested, apply to work at an on-campus library or the Queen's Learning Commons.
- Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen's Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICSI).
- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

## GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as Frontier College/Queen's Students for Literacy or Kingston WritersFest.
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## GET THINKING GLOBALLY

- Prepare for work or study in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations. Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.
- Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a 3rd year exchange through the International Programs Office, and consult with the USC Chair regarding transfer credits.
- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.
- International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

## GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.
- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Great Jobs for English Majors. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.
- Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests like the LSAT or GMAT and get help thinking about grad school from Career Services.
- Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, grad school applications, or other decisions.

*This map is intended to provide suggestions for potential activities and career paths, but everyone's abilities, experience, and constraints are different. Build your own map using our online My Major Map tool.*

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps.html for the online version with links!
Succeed in the workplace

What employers want

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:
1. People skills
2. Communication skills
3. Problem-solving skills
4. Analytical abilities
5. Leadership skills
6. Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen’s, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the Career Services skills workshop.

What can I learn studying ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE?

- Communication skills to present ideas clearly and persuasively, orally and in writing
- Problem solving to approach a complex topic systematically
- Textual analysis to understand how texts create meaning and emotional impact
- Logical thinking to construct an argument for maximum persuasiveness, and use evidence appropriately
- Research to rapidly gain the knowledge you need to support your argument
- History of ideas to understand how cultural forms and notions of value change in time
- Literary theory to explore some of the ways in which literature has been defined, evaluated, and used by different thinkers
- Cultural study to understand the differences between high and low cultural forms, and their function in society throughout history
- Resource and time management

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, the Kingston community has been a collection of bright minds. We are proud that our city was named one of the top Intelligent Communities across the globe, an accolade largely due to the thousands of students who study here every single year. In fact, the BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world, which might be why Instagram named the city ‘the happiest place on the planet’. Just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York, Kingston is a safe and liveable city. Not only are we known as the freshwater sailing capital of the world, Kingston is arguably the birthplace of hockey. Wondering what to do while you’re attending school? Queen’s has more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and Kingston has more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America; your time here is guaranteed to be ‘fresh made daily’.

We’re closer than you think