

# 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.

## 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.



*English at Queen's combines traditional literary studies with contemporary texts to develop critical thinkers, communicators and writers for today.*

## 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](http://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](http://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)

**Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.**  
That is a degree from Queen's. [QUartsci.com](http://QUartsci.com)

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# English Language and Literature MAJOR MAP

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

In SCIENCE?  
Add English  
as your MINOR.



\*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](https://careers.queensu.ca/majormaps.html) for the online version with links!

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## MAJOR MAP



### How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the [My Major Map](#) tool.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

### Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally, and Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.



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# 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.*

