English

When you study English at Queen's, you'll learn to read perceptively, analyze clearly, and above all, communicate effectively. Students will explore the literary canon, including writers such as Shakespeare, Austen, and Brontë, but will also engage with cutting edge texts and literary forms, such as graphic novels and works by contemporary writers. Queen's English encourages an eclectic approach to the subject, combining attention to methodology and core knowledge with the flexibility to support individual passions.

Reasons to study English Literature and Creative Writing

To learn to read and think more actively and creatively.

To develop your ability to write with greater clarity and precision.

To explore an exciting diversity of literary works written in English.

To build a vocabulary for responding critically and incisively to the written word.

5 To broaden your aptitudes in expressing complex ideas and formulating persuasive arguments.

Alumni Story

"I am so thankful to have studied English at Queen's University. The department has topnotch professors who both inspire and challenge your thinking. I learned to apply myriad lenses when examining literature, which deepened my understanding and appreciation of the human condition and universally shared experiences."

- Brett Copeland, BAH

TOP ALUMNI JOBS

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of alumni work in WRITING & PUBLISHING

of alumni work in GOVERNMENT &

of alumni work in EDUCATION

Add a Certificate

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

QUartsci.com/certs

2025-26 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection.

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Check in with your department to learn more about what opportunities and resources are available for you!

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

queensu.ca/english

English MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS: HONOURS DEGREE (SPECIALIZATION/MAJOR/MINOR) OR GENERAL DEGREE



	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR
GET THE COURSES YOU NEED	In first year, you will have the chance to explore the foundations of English along with some electives. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options. Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Success Services) for some help.	Delve more deeply into the discipline of English, while considering a certificate such as International Studies. Learn more about Certificates and Internship options. Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the Dean's Changemaker Challenge.	A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of English. Contact the Department of English Literature and Creative Writing to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.	In fourth year, you will have the chance to participate in seminar-sized courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).
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EXPERIENCE	Get involved in student publications, such as the <u>Queen's Journal</u> , <u>MUSE</u> , or <u>QUILT</u> . Explore broadcasting opportunities at <u>CFRC</u> and <u>QTV</u> . If	Look into summer jobs by talking to Career Services about work through <u>SWEP</u> or <u>Work-</u> <u>Study</u> . Think about applying to positions in	If interested, apply for an <u>Undergraduate</u> Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF).	Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
	you are interested in creative writing courses, work on your portfolio.	student services or the <u>Alma Mater Society</u> . If interested, apply to work at an on-campus	Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth	Assess what experience you're lacking
	See the <u>AMS Clubs Directory</u> or the <u>Queen's Get</u> <u>Involved</u> page for more ideas.	library or the <u>Queen's Learning Commons</u> .	year. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen's Founders and	and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.
	involved page for more ideas.		Innovators Initiative (QFII).	E Skills workshop for help.
GET ENGAGED	Volunteer on- or off-campus with different	Get involved with the Departmental Student	Do targeted networking with alumni working in	Consider joining professional associations
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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.

Sustainable Development Goals.

Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A degree in English can equip you

- 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 to use evidence appropriately
- Research to 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

Career Possibilities

A degree in English can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Advertising
- Archives
- Business writing
- Copywriting
- Editing
- Human resources
- Journalism
- Public relations Publishing
- Technical writing

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation. Some careers may require additional training.

English



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. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.



ARTS AND SCIENCE

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QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

START DATES

in May, September, or January

POSITIONS

are paid and full-time

WORK TERMS

are 12-16 months long

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with "Professional Internship" on your degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry
- Explore a career path, earn a salary, and build workplace skills

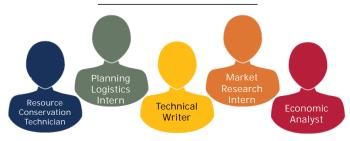
ELIGIBILITY

- Complete 1st year before you register
- Complete 2nd or 3rd year before your internship
- Minimum GPA of 1.9
- Return to Queen's after your internship to finish your degree

WHY QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience
- Build network connections
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship

SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

Why study in Kingston?

Since 1841, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research-intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often identified as the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even

nore doser than you think New York. At a university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and in a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America, you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's London / 7 hrs CANADA Queen's Beijing / 15 hrs - and graduate Dubai / 14 h with a degree Calgary / 4 hrs Vancouver / 5 hrs that is globally recognized Halifax / 2 hrs Kingston San Francisco / 5.5 hrs among the Denver/3 hrs best. New York / 1.5 hrs UNITED STATES Dallas / 3.5 hrs

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Bermuda / 2 hrs