

English Literature and Creative Writing

In English and Creative Writing at Queen's, you'll read across a wide array of genres and media, across diverse historical periods and geographical spaces, and via multiple critical frameworks and modes of analysis. You'll learn to read perceptively, analyze clearly, and above all, communicate effectively. Starting in first year, you can also express and challenge yourself in Creative Writing courses.

TOP 5 Reasons to Study ENGLISH LITERATURE AND CREATIVE WRITING

- 1 To learn to read and think more actively and creatively.
- 2 To develop your ability to write with greater depth and clarity.
- 3 To explore an exciting diversity of literary works written in English.
- 4 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 top-notch 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 add an optional CERTIFICATE

5% of alumni work in LAW

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

6% of alumni work in WRITING & PUBLISHING

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

9% of alumni work in GOVERNMENT & NON-PROFIT

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

44% of alumni work in EDUCATION

Law

Business

[QUartsci.com/certs](https://quartsci.com/certs)

2026-27 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!

English MAJOR MAP

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



Knowledge & Workplace Skills

- A degree in English can equip you with:
- **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.

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.

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.



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QUIP

QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

START DATES

May, September,
or January

POSITIONS

are paid and
full-time

WORK TERMS

are 12-16 months
long

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

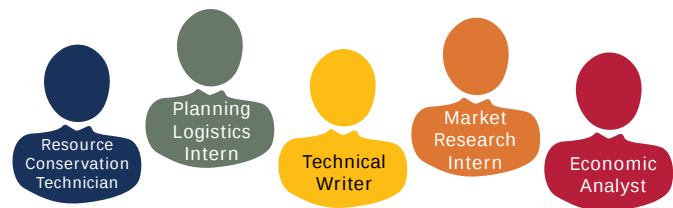
ELIGIBILITY

- 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 the job search and during the 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 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 – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

We're closer than you think

