English Language & Literature MPhil Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

GRAD MAP FOR MPhil STUDENTS



Why GRADUATE STUDIES in ENGLISH?

The English Department at Queen's University is a professionally-oriented research department whose faculty members are distinguished by both scholarly prowess and teaching excellence. The Master of Philosophy program is unique among Ontario Universities and features intensive field-specific study, broad coursework, a Publishing Practicum, and guaranteed entry into the Queen's English Doctoral Program upon successful completion of MPhil degree requirements. This program will be of particular interest to undergraduate students considering doctoral research.



The graduate programs in English at Queen's are among the oldest and most prestigious in the country, combining commitment to historical breadth with promotion of methodological and disciplinary innovation. The department's vibrant intellectual community is developed and sustained by the synergies between the knowledge and passion of our distinguished faculty and the ideas and inspirations of our outstanding graduate students.





Our Master's students consistently demonstrate high rates of success in national awards competitions, in achieving entry into doctoral programs, and in securing employment in fields as varied as editing, publishing, teaching, law, civil service, business, NGO work, and information technologies.

Fields of STUDY

- American Literature
- Canadian Literature
- **Gender Studies**
- **Indigenous Studies**
- Literary Theory
- Medieval Literature
- Modernist Literature
- Modern Popular Culture
- Postcolonial Studies
- Renaissance Literature
- Restoration & 18th-Century Literature
- Romantic Literature
- Victorian Literature

MPhil students choosing to move directly into the workforce upon graduation will have attained field-specific expertise, advanced professionalization, and evidence of research and writing skills through the Publishing Practicum. MPhil students choosing to move on into doctoral studies will accelerate their dissertation work by three full terms.

"The faculty are both accomplished and approachable at the same time."

- Robyn Carruthers, PhD

Program STRUCTURE

The MPhil is a 24-month program that features coursework, field exams, and a Publishing Practicum. MPhil students pursuing Doctoral studies will receive advanced standing into the PhD program.





English MPhil Map

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (MPhil)



GETTING STARTED INTERMEDIATE STAGE **WRAPPING UP ACHIEVE YOUR** ACADEMIC Start with key priorities like determining a course pattern Continue your coursework, being alert to final essays that Complete your coursework, field exams, Publishing that builds on your passions while covering your historical Practicum, and language requirement. might be revised into publishable papers. **GOALS** requirements. • Read for and complete field exams. Consider how your courses might prepare you for eventual · Secure your Publishing Practicum placement. doctoral work or other educational and career goals beyond the **MAXIMIZE** Start to think about the audiences for your research. · Consider publication options for your research. **RESEARCH** Attend or present at a graduate conference. **IMPACT** If you will be continuing graduate studies, apply for SSHRC and Attend a major conference in your field, such as the The Consider participating in the <u>3 Minute Thesis (3MT)</u> competition. OGS funding. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Expand your research audience through social media such as Century Studies or the Modern Language Association Twitter or a blog. Set up a meeting with the SGSPA for a Grad Chat to discuss your Consider putting an article in The Conversation. research interests. **BUILD** Consider positions in student services, the SGPS, or media outlets Practice articulating the skills you have been developing in **SKILLS AND** Start keeping an ePortfolio of your skills, experiences, and like the Queen's Journal, CFRC, and the SGSPA Blog. Look in the settings outside the university, such as casual conversation, competencies. **EXPERIENCE** networking, and interviews. Get help from a Career Services AMS Clubs Directory for more ideas. Use a Research Assistant or Teaching Assistant position to Serve on departmental, faculty or university committees. Talk to develop your research or teaching skills. Investigate placements from MITACS and other sources. the Graduate English Society for tips on getting involved. • Check out opportunities for extra training through CTL, School For help with teaching, get support from the Centre for Check out professional development workshops from SGSPA of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs Professional Teaching and Learning. Enrol in SGS902 or the PUTL Certificate Professional development. development, MITACS, or other sources to boost your skills. for more professional development in teaching and learning. **ENGAGE** WITH YOUR Participate in your graduate and professional community Explore how you can connect with your community through Do some targeted networking with people working through activities such as graduate student outreach programs, in careers of interest, through Queen's Connects on experiential opportunities on- and off-campus. COMMUNITY organizing conferences, and research groups. LinkedIn, the <u>Queen's Alumni Association</u>, professional Consider whether you wish to take the "Literary Internship" as associations, and at conferences. Get help from a Career Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by one of your courses in the Fall term. Services workshop. taking the Intercultural Awareness Training Certificate hosted Consider volunteering with different community organizations, by OUIC and Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre. Consider joining professional associations like the such as Literacy Kingston and Kingston WritersFest. ACCUTE, the Modern Language Association and more. If you are an international student interested in staying in Canada, consider speaking with an International Student Advisor. LAUNCH YOUR Participate in hiring committees and attend job talks. Start Finding a career that fits starts with knowing yourself. Get help Explore different careers of interest by using Queens Connects CAREER focusing on areas of interest. Research organizations of by taking a Career Services workshop or meeting with a career on LinkedIn to connect with Queen's alumni. Check out Career educator and coach. interest and start putting together your CV or resume Cruising for more information. for potential positions of interest. Get help from Career Start reading publications like <u>University Affairs</u> and the Secure your Publishing Practicum Placement. Services with job searching, resumes, and interviews. Chronicle of Higher Education. Browse non-academic labour

scholarships.

If you are considering a PhD, explore programs of interest

reach out to faculty, and apply to PhD programs and external

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 Grad Map tool.

market websites. Stay on the lookout for special events

pathways.

like Graduate Student Career Week to explore your career

Check admission test deadlines if needed for further studies.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

A graduate degree in English can equip you with:

- Knowledge and technical skills
- Effective communication skills in multiple forms for diverse audiences
- Information management: prioritize, organize and synthesize large amounts of information
- Time management: meet deadlines and manage responsibilities despite competing demands
- Project management: develop ideas, gather information, analyze, critically appraise findings, draw and act on conclusions
- Creativity and innovation
- Perseverance
- Independence and experience as a collaborative worker
- Awareness, an understanding of sound ethical practices, social responsibility, responsible research and cultural sensitivity
- Professionalism in all aspects of work, research, and interactions
- Leadership: initiative and vision leading people and discussion

WHERE CAN I GO?

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

- Business
- Civil service
- Editing
- Information technologies
- Law
- NGO work
- Publishing
- Teaching
- 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.

Graduate Studies FAQs

How do I make the most of my time at Queen's?

Use the Grad Map to plan for success in five overlapping areas of your career and academic life. Everyone's journey is different - the ideas on the maps are just suggestions to help you explore possibilities. For more support with your professional development, take advantage of the SGSPA professional development framework and the new Individual Development Plan (IDP) process to set customized goals to help you get career ready when you graduate.

Where can I get help?

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Check out the SGSPA website for available resources.

What is the community like?

At Queen's, graduate students from all disciplines learn and discover in a closeknit intellectual community. You will find friends, peers and support among the graduate students enrolled in Queen's more than 130 graduate programs within 50+ departments & research centres. With the world's best scholars, prize-winning professional development opportunities, excellent funding packages and life in the affordable, historic waterfront city of Kingston, Queen's offers a wonderful environment for graduate studies. Queen's is an integral part of the Kingston community, with the campus nestled in the core of the city, only a 10-minute walk to downtown with its shopping, dining and waterfront. For more about Kingston's history and culture, see Queen's University's Discover Kingston page.

Graduate Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- · Honours Bachelor of Arts degree.
- **Grade requirements:** minimum average of A- (3.7/4.3 GPA) and a cumulative minimum average of A- (3.7/4.3 GPA) in 10 full-year English Literature courses (or equivalent).
- Applicants are expected to have taken courses in most major areas of English literature from the medieval period to the present, and in literary theory.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Two official transcripts from each post-secondary institution attended.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Statement of interest: Outline of research interests and goals
- Writing sample: 8 pages max (including bibliography).
- If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening. The minimum score requirements for the MPhil program are: (1) TOEFL paper-based: 627, computer-based: 263, internet-based: 109, (2) TOEFL Test of Written English paper or computer-based: 6.0, internet-based: 30, and an (3) IELTS score of 7.5. These tests must have been taken within a year of the date of pre-application.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- Application due: January 15 for all documentation and application.
- Notification of acceptance: March and April.

Before you start your application, please review the <u>Graduate studies application</u> process.

What about FUNDING?

Students are usually funded through a combination of internal fellowships, teaching assistantships, bursaries, and scholarships as part of the basic funding package.

Apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC, and other sources. Queen's will automatically issue a one time \$5,000 award to incoming Masters students who have won federal government tri-council awards. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' information on awards and scholarships.



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