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 current text 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.

ALUMNI JOBS

5% of alumni work in LAW
6% of alumni work in WRITING & PUBLISHING
9% of alumni work in GOVERNMENT & NON-PROFIT
44% of alumni work in EDUCATION

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

"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 ’07

That is a degree from Queen’s.

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

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**2ND YEAR**

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**3RD YEAR**

A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of English. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

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**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Get involved in student publications, such as the Queen’s Journal, MUSE, or Ultraviolet Magazine. Explore broadcasting opportunities at CFRC and QTV.
  - If you are interested in creative writing courses, work on your portfolio. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.

- Look into summer jobs by talking to Career Services about work through SWEF 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.

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**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.
  - Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).
  - Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Soul Food and Inquire publication.

- Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects. Check out Career Services networking workshops.
  - Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC.

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**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- Prepare for work or studies in a multicultural environment by taking QUC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
  - Speak to a QUC 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 third-year exchange through the International Programs Office, and consult with the UG Chair regarding transfer credits.
  - If interested, take English courses for a summer or a term at our Castle in England.

- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

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**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help with 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 advice about grad school from Career Services.

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**CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP**

- 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.

- Consider joining professional associations like the Modern Languages Association (MLA).
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- International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

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**Where can I go?**

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.

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**What will I learn?**

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

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*This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.
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For over 175 years, 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.