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.

Top 5 Reasons to Study English Language and Literature
1. To learn to read and think more actively and creatively.
2. To develop your ability to write effectively and with greater clarity and precision.
3. To expose yourself to 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.

“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

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

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: dept.artssci.com/academic-calendar

2018-19 thresholds
1.9 cGPA AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE
min B- in ENGL 100
0.7 cGPA PENDING LIST
min C+ in ENGL 100

“Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit: dept.artssci.com"
## What will I learn?

A degree in English can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

- **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**

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.

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### MAJOR MAP

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#### GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Get involved in student publications, such as: the Queen's Journal, Queen's Feminist Review or Ultraviolet Magazine. Explore broadcasting opportunities at QFRC 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.

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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.

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#### GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Prepare for work or studies in a multicultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations. Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

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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.