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.

**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**

**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 ’07

**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: QUartscl.com*
## Major Map

### 1st Year

In first year, you will have the chance to explore the foundations of English along with some electives. See the back page for specific courses to consider. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

### 2nd Year

Delve more deeply into the discipline of English, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as International Studies. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options. Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

### 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 — for some ideas, see the back page.

### 4th or Final 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).

### GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

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### GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- **1st Year**: Get involved in student publications, such as the Queen's Journal, the Queen's Feminist Review, 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.
- **2nd Year**: 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.
- **3rd Year**: If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF). Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen's Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICSI).
- **4th or Final Year**: 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.

### GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

- **1st Year**: Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations, such as Frontier College/Queen's Students for Literacy or Kingston WritersFest.
- **2nd Year**: Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Soul Food and Inquire publication.
- **3rd Year**: Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen's Connects. Check out Career Services networking workshops.
- **4th or Final Year**: Consider joining professional associations like the Modern Languages Association (MLA). Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in English.

### GET THINKING GLOBALLY

- **1st Year**: Prepare for work or studies in a multicultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
- **2nd Year**: 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.
- **3rd Year**: Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.
- **4th or Final Year**: International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

### GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- **1st Year**: Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help with career options from Career Services.
- **2nd Year**: 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.
- **3rd Year**: 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.
- **4th or Final Year**: Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, grad school applications, or other decisions.

### 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.
ENGLISH
Major, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree PLAN

Sample Year by Year

1ST YEAR
- ENGL 100/6.0
- 24.0 units of electives

2ND YEAR
- ENGL 200/6.0
- ENGL 290/3.0
- 9.0 units of ENGL Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

3RD YEAR
- 6.0 units from ENGL 305/6.0 to ENGL 339/6.0
- 6.0 units from ENGL 340/6.0 to ENGL 359/6.0
- 6.0 units from ENGL 360/6.0 to ENGL 389/6.0
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

4TH YEAR
- 3.0 units from ENGL 405/3.0 to ENGL 459/3.0
- 3.0 units from ENGL 460/3.0 to ENGL 499/3.0
- 9.0 units from ENGL at the 400 level; ENGL 590/3.0
- 3.0 units of ENGL Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

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