



# THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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## English

*This program offers the study of literature, the English language, and the process of writing.*

Studies in English enrich your enjoyment and understanding of all forms of literature. In the English program you will read a wide variety of texts, study the English language, and investigate and practice the process of writing. You will be asked to consider questions such as how culture, gender, ethnicity, race, social class, and/or historical context affect the texts you read.

The English Department offers courses in literary periods that range from classic to contemporary, focusing on writers from Geoffrey Chaucer to Carol Shields and Tomson Highway. The department also offers courses in historical periods, genres, national and post-national literatures, as well as children's literature, women and literature, popular literature, gay and lesbian literature, critical theory, literature and culture, creative writing, language and linguistics.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)** with a Major in English. The 4-Year BA offers students the opportunity to specialize, if they wish, in Literature and Cultures; Creative Writing; or Young People's Texts and Cultures.

Students taking a 4-year degree in another Major may choose to add a Minor in English as a secondary area of interest.

### SAMPLE CAREERS

Students of English develop excellent analytic, reading, and writing skills, which are assets in almost any career. Critical readers and writers are required in many professions, including business, law, medicine, politics, and public service. More directly, the study of English leads to careers in teaching or to careers that involve writing and research, including advertising, journalism, publishing, and public relations.

### SAMPLE COURSES

**English 1** is a first-year course that covers the principles and practices of literary study, introducing students to research skills, literary criticism, the importance of historical and cultural contexts, and to reading a variety of novels, short stories, poems, or plays.

**Shakespeare** samples representative plays from the different genres of drama written by Shakespeare: histories, comedies, tragedies, and romances.

**Writing Poems** is designed for students who want to concentrate on the craft of writing poetry. Topics include metre, rhythm, lineation, imagery and various elements of poetic language. Students read and discuss published poems in an anthology, write and revise their own poems, and explore the writing process.

**Critical Theory** focuses on theoretical approaches to everyday life in order to explore how the seemingly monotonous, banal, and even boring aspects of our lives can illuminate deeper questions about self and other, past and future, the real and the imaginary. Particular emphasis is placed on how the everyday has figured in Marxism, psychoanalysis, feminism, and globalization studies.

**Canadian Literature and Culture after 1914** introduces students to a diverse array of Canadian literature from 1914 to the present through novels, poems, and plays that offer rich and inventive narratives, eccentric and ex-centric characters, expressive and innovative poetics. In reading and discussion, students are encouraged to articulate, expand, and refine their understandings of both Canadian culture and literary studies. Particular attention is paid to Canadian writers and texts that move outside the borders of the nation in ways that connect Canada to international and global moments, movements, events and experiences.

**Picture Books for Children** explores the varied and complex relationships between illustration and written text in children's books.

### MORE SAMPLE COURSES

Aboriginal Literatures  
Fairy Tales and Culture

Medieval Literature 1350 - 1500  
Stylistics

### WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

"It was a wonderful experience being a student at The University of Winnipeg. High calibre faculty challenged me to do my best. I believe I benefited from the small collegial atmosphere of the university with professors who are available and accessible to students. It helped make me the student I was then and the teacher I am now." - *Nicole Rosevere (BA Hons. '99 English) went on to work as an English instructor at The University of Winnipeg and as a freelance writer. She is now a successful high school teacher.*

"I first decided to study English because I love reading and writing poetry, so it came as no surprise that I loved my courses in Creative Writing, Women's Literature, and Canadian Literature. I was surprised, however, when I realized that my 'outside' interests in peace and social justice can also be addressed in the study of English literature – even of literary theory and older literary periods. The English Department at The University of Winnipeg offers interesting and challenging courses taught by passionate, engaging professors. I feel well-prepared for graduate studies in English." - *Melanie Unrau (BA Hons. '02 English) received the Gold Medal in English (Honours) in Memory of Professor R. N. Hallstead.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Honours English program provides a solid advantage to students planning to attend graduate school in English, journalism, cultural studies, or women's studies. Honours programs offer more extensive training for students with a special interest in advanced study in the discipline. Honours courses are taught in a small seminar format, creating a highly interactive learning environment.
- If you are interested in teaching, English can be used as a teachable major or minor in the Education Program.
- The department offers a **Master of Arts in Cultural Studies** which provides opportunities to explore culture and the arts as part of a social, economic and political environment. The program provides graduate training for students in an interdisciplinary understanding of culture.

### SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

*NOTE: This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.*

ENGL-1001(6) English 1 **OR** ENGL-1000(3) plus 3 more credit hours at the 1000-level.

RHET-1101(3) Academic Writing: Humanities or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)

21-24 credit hours in Electives. Examples are first-year courses in Anthropology, Biology, Classics, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, Theatre and Film, or Women's and Gender Studies.

Some Arts students choose to fulfil the University's Science Requirement in their first year. See The University of Winnipeg General Calendar for a complete list of options.

### REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses are required.

### HOW TO APPLY – Domestic Student

Apply online at [uwinnipeg.ca](http://uwinnipeg.ca) or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet the Scholarship deadline submit your application and \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

### HOW TO APPLY – International Student

Apply online at [uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply](http://uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply) and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by **March 1st**. The International application fee is \$100.

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