



FACULTY OF ARTS

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 and William Shakespeare to Carol Shields and Tomson Highway. The department also offers courses in historical periods, genres, children's literature, women and literature, popular literature, gay and lesbian literature, 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 three areas of specialization: Creative Writing; Young People's Texts and Cultures; and Screen and Cultural Studies.

Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a Minor in English as a secondary area of interest. The department also offers a Master of Arts in Cultural Studies - *see separate fact sheet*.

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.

Indigenous Literatures and Cultures introduces students to literary and cultural texts by a range of Native Canadian and American authors, with a focus on texts produced during and after the 1960s.

Screen Studies offers an in-depth introduction to screen studies, a field that encompasses not simply cinema and television, but also considers other forms of moving image production and distribution: from artists' video and the expanded screens of the art gallery to apps, videogames and other contemporary online audio-visual formats.

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

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- Introduction to Creative Writing
 - Medieval Literature and Culture
 - Fairy Tales, Fantasy, and Culture
 - Popular Literature and Film
 - Topics in Women Writers
 - Critical Theory: An Introduction
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SAMPLE 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 other section of Academic Writing (if required) 15-18 credit hours in Electives

6 credit hours Science

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.

“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. English), freelance writer and high school teacher.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

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

HOW TO APPLY

For details on application requirements and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit: uwinnipeg.ca/apply

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at welcome@uwinnipeg.ca or 204.786.9844. In any case where the University's Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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