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DEGREE GUIDE

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LEGEND

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
GAIN EXPERIENCE
SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS
NAVIGATE COURSES

EARLY DEGREE
Expand your career options, be proactive, and test possibilities. Join a student group.

- Attend literary readings by global authors, go to International Week on campus.
- Add research or creative activities to your degree with the Undergraduate Research Initiative - or apply into BA Honors.
- Study abroad and receive credit in Cortona, Italy.

MID-DEGREE
Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.

- Get involved with one of the cultural clubs on campus or volunteer with University of Alberta International.
- Ask professors to be academic references.

LATE DEGREE
Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.

- Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next step - graduate studies, professional programs, or employment.
- Stay on track to graduate: Complete a Program Check on Beartracks.

Join the English student group (EFSUN). Attend department lectures and visiting speaker events.

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