ENGLISH

English is the study of literary worlds, past and present. As a student, you explore the richness of literature and language, develop interpretative skills to navigate a changing world, and think creatively and with empathy about diverse global stories. Want to develop your imagination, fantasize alternative worlds, lose yourself in a romance, or learn to write persuasively? English is the major for you.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ENGLISH DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... professional writer, video game developer, app creator, media and public relations officer, journalist, public policy analyst, publisher, editor, content manager, digital archivist, librarian, fund development manager.

I COULD WORK IN... marketing, communications, journalism, government, human resources.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY ENGLISH

1. Discover the power of great writing and storytelling, including your own. Study and practise how to express yourself with wit and clarity.
2. Small class sizes provide the opportunity for direct and meaningful contact with award-winning professors who may just change your life.
3. Be part of the skills revolution. Employers want humans — real humans — not machines. Our graduates think for themselves, reason with good judgment, and communicate effectively.
4. Broaden your horizons and challenge yourself by reading everything from medieval European literature to books by 21st-century Canadian authors.
5. Meet your mates. Connect with like-minded peers through the English and Film Studies Undergraduate Network events.

ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:
Community Engagement and Service-Learning.

OR A MINOR IN:
Creative Writing.

CONSIDER A DOUBLE MAJOR:
Film, Modern Languages & Cultural Studies, Media Studies.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:
Arts Work Experience, Study Abroad.

BA ENGLISH (MAJOR)
- Required ENGL Courses (Major)
- BA Basic Requirements
- Second Major, Minor(s), Certificates, Electives

Consider adding a double major to your degree!

That’s right — over 60% of your degree is totally up to you!

OFFERS COURSES IN...
- Creative Writing
- Graphic Novels
- Medieval Literature
- Gender and Sexuality
- Indigenous Literature
- Media Studies

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. Design your academic plan — you’re in control!

ENGLISH MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Two courses in junior English (or one junior ENGL plus one WRS)
- A minimum of 10 courses to a maximum of 16 courses at the 200-level or above, including three courses at the 200-level, three courses at the 300-level and two courses at the 400-level.

To verify your Major and BA Common Requirements, check the University Calendar and speak to an advisor.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.

- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility
- Financial Aid & Awards
- Professional & Career Development
- Mental Health Supports

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

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BA ENGLISH DEGREE GUIDE

Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

**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.
- Plan your degree path; meet your Undergraduate Student Services advisor.

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

- Test your career options: volunteer on or off campus, or get a summer or part-time job. Reflect on what you’re learning and practise self-care.
- Get involved with your department: lots of committees welcome student participation.
- Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.

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

- Ask professors to be academic references.
- Stay on track to graduate: Complete a Program Check on Bear Tracks.
- Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next step — graduate studies, professional programs, or employment.

**Legends**
- **GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**
- **GAIN EXPERIENCE**
- **SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS**
- **NAVIGATE COURSES**

**Additional Information**
- Add research or creative activities to your degree with the Undergraduate Research Initiative, or apply into BA Honors.
- Apply for an English Department scholarship or award.
- Study abroad and receive credit in Cortona, Italy.
- Join the English student group. Attend department lectures and visiting speaker events.
- Get involved with one of the cultural clubs on campus or volunteer with University of Alberta International.
- Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next step — graduate studies, professional programs, or employment.