



MA in English Language and Literature MA in Creative Writing and Literature

The University of Windsor's two prestigious Master's programs in English Language and Literature, and Creative Writing and Literature, offer students unique opportunities for a broad spectrum of careers requiring strong critical and creative communication skills.

Our Program

Our Master's programs in English Language and Literature, and Creative Writing and Literature, prepare students to understand the power of language, and to develop their critical and creative thinking and writing skills. Students pursue these programs in a collegial and supportive environment with internationally renowned faculty dedicated to research, teaching, and publishing.

Our graduates go on to successful careers as teachers, professors, editors, publishers, and writers.

Our department offers various learning and internship opportunities including a graduate seminar in composition pedagogy unique in Canada. We publish two international literary journals (*Windsor ReView* and *Rampike*); support two in-house student journals and an international website (thesicklytaper.com); and host a vibrant series of literary readings and scholarly presentations as well as a Writer in Residence and a Resident Writing Professional.

As our Creative Writing program is an MA rather than a terminal MFA, graduating students also have the option to proceed into English PhD programs.

What Our Students Say...

“While at the University of Windsor, I fell in love with teaching writing. I really enjoyed working with first-year Windsor students, and teaching allowed me to feel like I was more connected to the campus and the community. My two years in Windsor were two of the most inspiring and productive of my life.”

Jay Dolmage, PhD

Editor, Canadian Journal of Disability Studies

Assistant Professor of English, University of Waterloo

“The English Department at the University of Windsor was more than a department for me. Being from the other side of the planet [Iran], an international student, I accepted the department as my new home. I found the faculty to be impressively knowledgeable, friendly, and supportive. I recommend the English Department to anyone who is looking for an encouraging, welcoming and rewarding environment to grow in.”

Ava Homa, author of *Echoes From the Other Land* (TSARbooks 2010)

“My time at the University of Windsor was, in many ways, a turning point for me, professionally, pedagogically, and artistically. At Windsor, I was surrounded by teachers who wrote, writers who taught, editors who did it all (not to mention a phenomenal administrative team), and they uniformly encouraged their students to do the same. I was able to take my critical and practical interests to the UK, where I completed a PhD at the University of York.”

Nasser Hussein, PhD author of *BOLDFACE* (Burning Eye, 2014)

“The University of Windsor’s Master’s in Creative Writing program provided a great balance between studying literature, on the one hand, and improving my creative writing skills on the other. The collegiate atmosphere is unique and welcoming, and the professors are both approachable and knowledgeable, an all too rare combination.”

Michael Murphy, author of *A Description of the Blazing World* (Freehand Books 2011)

Funding

Our students are eligible for departmental graduate assistantships and a range of internal and external scholarships, including the Ontario Graduate Scholarship and SSHRC’s J.A. Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship. For further information about these opportunities, see the Faculty of Graduate Studies website at uwindsor.ca/grad

Admission Procedure

Applicants must have an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in English, a B average in all undergraduate English courses, and a B+ average in English courses in the final year. All applicants must submit a detailed 500-word program of study discussing their areas of academic or creative interest, undergraduate training, career goals, and how these might be realized with the assistance of the available faculty and resources at the University of Windsor. Students with an Honours BA in English may apply to either of the MA fields and to any of the options. Students applying to the Creative Writing field must also submit a portfolio of 20-25 pages of their best creative work.

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We look forward to meeting you!

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