

# English

# Made in Windsor.



**ENGLISH**

**ENGLISH AND CREATIVE WRITING**

**ENGLISH (BA)/CONCURRENT EDUCATION (BED)**

**INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS AND SCIENCE**



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**English  
Experience Map**



**University  
of Windsor**

# UWindsor Life

## Highlights and Skills

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**English ③④⑤** Immerse yourself in studying English literature from early oral traditions to contemporary writing from around the world, and meet visiting writers and academics. You will be in many small classes exclusive to English majors and will receive the attention you need to thrive. The world needs smart thinkers and writers. Become one of them.

**MIN. AVG.\* 70% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS** ENG4U required.

**English and Creative Writing ③④** Learn the skills of writing, editing, and publishing in this unique program that combines rigorous academics with practical experience. Meet visiting writers and academics. The creative writing component begins in second year and, with courses capped at 20 students, you will receive lots of attention and feedback on your work. Peer editing and a publishing practicum offer valuable hands-on experience.

**MIN. AVG.\* 70% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS** ENG4U required. EWC4U recommended for Creative Writing majors.

**English (BA)③/Concurrent Education (BEEd)** Learn how to know about, appreciate, and teach English literature with this program that gives you two degrees at once. You'll be exposed to visiting writers will develop both in-depth academic and real-world teaching. You will be eligible to teach at the intermediate/senior level (grades 7-12).

**MIN. AVG.\* 70% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS** ENG4U required. Admission to first year only.

**Interdisciplinary Arts and Science ③** If high achievement and diverse academic pursuits are in your DNA, this elite program is for you. It's for students who want to develop knowledge and skills in the sciences, arts, humanities, and social sciences. Blend your interests – drama with biomedical or biochemistry with music. You can tailor your program to match your interests and career aspirations.

**MIN. AVG.\* 70% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS** ENG4U, MHF4U, and two from SBI4U, SCH4U, or SPH4U. MCV4U is strongly **RECOMMENDED**.

**English and English & Creative Writing can be combined with many other programs including Psychology, Sociology, or even Mathematics. Both programs are a compliment to several other areas of study.**

### FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Reading intelligently and perceiving ambiguity and complexity in texts
- Appreciating the collective human condition and major themes of human experience
- Understanding the ways in which language and literature inform and reflect various cultures, social bodies, and historical periods
- Exploring the diversity of literary and social voices within traditions of literature
- Asserting knowledge, ideas, and opinions in persuasive writing with correct grammar and vocabulary
- Interpreting, reorganizing, and rephrasing written materials to improve or modify effectiveness

③ General – 3-year program ④ Honours – 4-year program ⑤ Combined Honours programs available \* Minimum grade point average for admission to program. A higher average may be required.

## Build your Skills and Experience

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.



### CURRICULUM

Courses of study specific to each program



### CO-CURRICULAR

Activities and experiences that complement coursework (Outstanding Scholars, peer mentoring, VIP)



### EXTRACURRICULAR

Activities falling outside the scope of set curriculum (Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)

## Career Planning Cycle

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation and beyond. It is a fluid, dynamic, and lifelong process. You can move on or return to an earlier stage in the cycle at any time.



## Explore Opportunities Using This Chart

Explore a selection of opportunities recommended for students in your program. This chart shows some of your many options – you don't have to do everything on it or limit yourself to it. Engage in opportunities from each of the three categories to set yourself up for success.

### High-Impact Practice (HIP)

A HIP is an enriching educational experience that can be life-changing and often includes learning outside of the classroom while encouraging meaningful interaction and collaboration, such as:

- Co-op, internship or field experiences
- Research with faculty
- Culminating senior experience
- Capstone courses
- Service-learning
- Learning communities
- Study abroad

## Academics


Your Coursework




### First Year

- Take required courses including Writing about Literature, Early British Literature, and Later British Literature
- Review degree course requirements with a departmental advisor
- Consider taking Writing Creatively
- Submit your creative work to the **Writer-in-Residence** for feedback
- Prepare and submit your Creative Writing portfolio for Creative Writing I by the deadline
- Note the Voluntary Withdrawal (VW) date each term
- Receive peer mentorship from members of the **English Undergraduate Students' Association (EUSA)**

### Middle Years

- View available topics courses on English department website
- Take required courses and consider combining your degree with another discipline and/or declaring a minor
- Explore and take courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/ professional school
- Submit creative work to the **Writer-in-Residence** for feedback
- Prepare and submit your Creative Writing portfolio for Creative Writing II and III by the spring deadline
- Apply for the English editing and publishing practica, where students prepare a manuscript for publication 




### Final Year


- Meet with an academic advisor to ensure you have fulfilled degree requirements
- Complete all required courses
- Take a research-focused honours seminar 
- Apply to graduate through **UWinside Student Portal**


## Experience

Ways To Get Involved



- Attend a **EUSA (English Undergraduate Students' Association)** meeting in the **Undergraduate Student Lounge** in CHN 2135
- Investigate research opportunities as part of the **Outstanding Scholars** program 
- Visit the **Writing Support Desk**, which is located in the Leddy Library, for assistance with writing academic papers
- Attend a **School of Creative Arts** production or literary readings and talks offered by academic departments, the **Canada Council**, and the **Humanities Research Group**
- Attend the **UWill Discover** undergraduate research conference 
- Research student exchange opportunities for middle years in locations such as England, France, or New Zealand 
- Participate in the **Bystander Initiative** workshop to gain skills that will help you be an effective and supportive ally to prevent sexual assault on campus
- Start planning your career by making a list of things you enjoy,

- Apply for the student exchange program 
- Submit a proposal to the **UWill Discover** undergraduate research conference 
- Consult the English Department about eligibility requirements and deadlines for available **Literature and Creative Writing** awards
- Join student societies such as **University of Windsor Students' Alliance (UWSA)** or the **Pre-Law Society**
- Start a book club or creative writing workshop group
- Volunteer with a local organization, library, publisher, or literary/arts organization such as **Bookfest Windsor**, the **Windsor Film Festival**, or any arts festival
- Expand your skills by taking on a summer job or volunteer position
- Attend a production by the **School of Dramatic Art** and literary readings on and off campus

- Run for a **EUSA** or **UWSA** executive position
- Become a tutor for **Students Offering Support (SOS)** 
- Join professional associations in your field such as the **Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English**, the **Professional Writers Association of Canada**, or the **Editors' Association of Canada**, which offers training, workshops, job opportunities, and mentorship programs
- Attend literary readings and talks such as those offered by academic departments, the **Canada Council**, and the **Humanities Research Group**

## Career

Plan Ahead For What's Next



- your skills and areas where you excel
- Meet with a career advisor in **Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL)** for help developing a plan for your future years
- Consider a career assessment appointment to help you identify possible career paths
- Get involved with a part-time job, volunteer opportunity, campus group, or research assistantship
- Attend **CDEL** workshops to learn how to find a summer or part-time job and write a university-level resumé
- Chat with an advisor during **CDEL's Drop-In hours** to get answers to your career and job search questions

- Research career fields and occupations with the help of a **CDEL** career advisor
- Explore opportunities and meet employers by participating in **Job Shadow Experience**, job fairs and employer networking events
- Explore further educational opportunities by attending the **Graduate and Professional Schools Fair** and researching admission requirements for programs you are interested in
- Create a **LinkedIn** profile and have it critiqued by **CDEL**
- Take part in informational interviews and join online communities like **LinkedIn** and **Ten Thousand Coffees** to connect with people in your targeted profession or industry
- Search job postings to learn what skills, knowledge, and credentials you will need for potential careers

- If you are considering applying to graduate or professional school, be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with **CDEL** to prepare application documents like a resumé, cover letter, CV, or personal statement for jobs and education programs you are applying to
- Attend **CDEL's** workshops on interview skills and job search strategies
- Set up a mock interview with a career advisor for professional school or job applications
- Take part in recruitment events and job fairs, including those hosted by **CDEL**
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience
- Meet with appropriate professors to request reference letters for graduate/professional school or employment
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**



# Life After Graduation



Exploring diverse topics and perspectives through the study of literature and critical theory equipped me with a number of professional competencies that are highly sought-after in many fields. The practice of synthesizing ideas and formulating convincing arguments has served me well in non-profit communications, ghostwriting, and now student affairs.”

*Jasmine Bell - BA (Honours) in English Language & Literature with Minor in Philosophy*

**73** Number of Graduates  
(2018)

**97%** Employment Rate of Graduates  
2 years following degree completion (OUGS Humanities, 2018)

## Career Tracks\*

Administrative assistant  
Archivist  
Business advisor  
Communications director  
Consultant  
Editor  
Human resources manager

Immigration officer  
Journalist  
Lawyer  
Legal consultant  
Librarian  
Marketing manager  
Museum director

Professor  
Project manager  
Public official  
Public policy analyst  
Public relations officer  
Publisher  
Reporter

Research co-ordinator  
Sales manager  
Screen writer  
Social media co-ordinator  
Teacher  
Technical writer  
Television/Radio analyst

\*Additional education and/or training required for some of the above careers.



## Common Industries For Graduates

- Academia and research
- Advertising/marketing
- The arts
- Business
- Education
- Law, government, and community services
- Journalism, media, and communications
- Library science
- Public relations
- Publishing

## Career-Readiness Competencies



Critical Thinking & Problem Solving



Professionalism & Work Ethic



Teamwork & Collaboration



Communication





# Campus Resources

- Research scholarships and bursaries through the **Student Awards and Financial Aid Office**
- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** for help with academic assignments
- Check out the **Bounce Back** program designed to improve academic performance as well as decrease feelings of stress and anxiety through both effective learning strategies and life skills acquisition
- Build leadership skills and find leadership opportunities at the **Leadership Hub**
- Get advice and support about your academic status by making an appointment with **Academic Advising**
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Look into the **Ignite: Work Study** program for on-campus employment opportunities
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career Development and Experiential Learning**
- Consult with the **EPICentre** if you are interested in starting your own business
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Find support for Indigenous learners and broaden your understanding of Indigenous culture by visiting **Turtle Island**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services**, the **Wellness Outreach Office** and **Lancer Recreation**
- Receive confidential mental health counselling delivered by trained professionals at the **Student Counselling Centre**
- **Prevent.Resist.Support.** Seek personal support or learn more about sexual violence prevention and resistance education through the **Sexual Misconduct Response and Prevention Office**
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**



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## Student Recruitment

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